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IN HARMONY: Bringing the joy of the season to the residents at Extendicare and their families, Barbara Trocewicz, Gay Coneybeare-Botticella and Barb Fawcett of In Harmony sing carols at Sunday's Country Christmas. The musical group often volunteers at the Haliburton seniors home.

OPP propose merger

■ Detachment would be administered from Lindsay

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A combined OPP detachment administered from Lindsay would police the Highlands and most of Victoria County, under a merger plan proposed by the force's Central Region commander.

An amalgamated police service for the two counties would reduce duplication and cut expenses to be borne by municipalities, Chief Superintendent Bill Hutton told county councillors Wednesday.

Police officers would continue to work out of the OPP offices in Minden and Coboconk, according to the proposal, but Lindsay would be the headquarters for administration.

A staff sergeant or sergeant reporting to the area commander in Lindsay would remain in Minden, Hutton told The Echo Monday.

Hutton's proposal comes after the OPP lost a portion of its territory in Victoria County. Ops Township has signed a five-year contract with the Lindsay Police, beginning Jan. 1, 1999.

County politicians directed Hutton to work out the projected costs of the merger plan, compared to the price-tag of a stand-alone police service for the Highlands.

In his first meeting in a councillor's seat after three years as warden, Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey argued the county should at least consider the economic benefits of a two-county OPP detachment.

Fearrey previously met with Hutton and Victoria County warden John Macklem late last month to discuss the proposal.

"I don't think in this day and age we can afford not to look at everything," said Fearrey. "... The way I see it is if you cost it only one way (as a stand-alone detachment for Haliburton County), then you're locked into it that way."

But critics of the proposal don't understand why council is even considering a plan that would again centralize OPP administration for the Highlands in Victoria County.

About two years ago when the Minden and Coboconk OPP detachments were combined, the OPP moved the detachment's staff sergeant and clerical support staff to Coboconk.

After an extremely vocal outcry from members of the public and county politicians, administration for the joint detachment was returned to Minden last May.

Bill Elliott, staff sergeant at Minden's OPP detachment until he retired five years ago, was at Wednesday's meeting, but can't fathom council's thinking.

"For 15 months Haliburton County fought and struggled with the OPP to get a detachment back in Minden — the detachment never moved; the administration moved to Coboconk. If Haliburton County couldn't

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It's back to normal at HHSS:

■ *Teachers ratify new contract with Board of Ed.*

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Teachers and students at Haliburton's high school will get their old school back when they return after the Christmas break, complete with sports and many other activities.

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board and secondary teachers from seven area schools ratified a two-year contract agreement last week, putting an end to months of unrest.

Now that the two sides have settled on a way for teachers to absorb a provincially mandated increase in instruction time, teachers have agreed to resume leading after-school sports and all other extra-curricular activities.

"We're all very, very happy an agreement has been reached. We're looking forward to a 'new' New Year. We're looking forward to getting back to our voluntary activities," said Laura Willis, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation representative at HHSS.

The rich school spirit that helps define Haliburton's high school ebbed away for both teachers and students during the contract dispute.

"For us an agreement was the best Christmas present we could ever have," said Willis. "You could just feel the whole climate of the school change. It was like a huge weight had been lifted off our shoulders and now we could get back to what we were doing before."

Board chair Cheryl Murdoch said she is very pleased the two sides voted to ratify the tentative agreement that had been reached the week before.

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Mother Nature is getting her seasons mixed up, too

NOT ONLY humans are a bit confused by the unseasonal fluctuations in the weather. Mother Nature is getting things backward, too. Last week, the Johnnie-Jump-Ups began to flower in Winnie Schofield's Wilberforce garden. A few days earlier, Jenny Anderson and her mother, Gail, and niece, Beth Waugh were walking into Wilberforce when they stopped to pick a dandelion.

here, there & everywhere — news and events worth noting

WORK BEGINS:
Excavation for the new annex at Family Services of Haliburton County has begun, with Ken Evans on the hi-ho and Tom Prentice hauling.

The generosity of dozens of Highlanders is certainly lighting up the county this Christmas. The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation reports that $23,000 has been donated to its first Christmas appeal. For every $100 donation, the Foundation purchased a set of lights, which will be used to brighten up the streetscape during the festive season. Donations are always welcome and can be sent to the HHHSF at Box 1413, Haliburton, Ont., K0M 1S0.

Get well wishes go out to Charlotte Rosino, who continues to recuperate at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto after her recent car accident on County Road 507. The Gooderham-area resident lost control of her vehicle on black ice and hit a rock. She is returning to good health slowly and it is hoped she will soon be transferred to Haliburton Hospital.

Last week was a busy one at the Echo, but luckily we were fueled by the delicious baking of three of our stalwart readers: Jean Potter, Joyce Tait and Queenie Kerswill. We are so spoiled by these ladies, and extend to them our very contented thanks.

Once you get over the Christmas shopping rush, you can begin making plans for National Home Show and Kitchen and Bath Showcase at the National Trade Centre in Toronto April 9 to 18. Special features include what's new in designs and live workshops. Cal 416-385-1880 for more information.

Sir Sam's opens for new season of skiing

It seemed like winter weather might never come, but it looks as the white Christmas Sir Sam's Ski Area was dreaming of is here to stay.

With temperatures finally beginning to dip below 0°C regularly, and a lot of help from snow-making equipment, the ski hill was able to open two runs and two lifts on Saturday.

Mild, wet conditions meant Sir Sam's had to post-pone its opening by a week.

"Mother Nature certainly didn't co-operate," said Chris Bishop. "This is our 10th year with snow-making equipment and it's been our latest and slowest start."

However, Bishop is hopeful to make up for the slow start over the Christmas holidays.

If the temperature stays cold, the ski area will be able to continue making more snow and open two runs per day.

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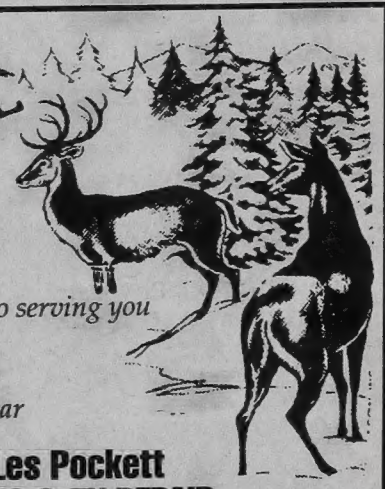
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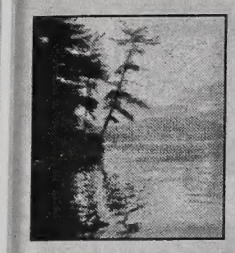

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Japanese POW's compensation for "slave labour" a bittersweet victory

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Reg Schofield literally had to move a mountain during his years of hell in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp.

Since then, a group of his fellow Hong Kong veterans felt they too had to move a mountain to get the Canadian government to provide financial compensation to POWs such as the late Mr. Schofield who were used as slave labourers by the Japanese in World War II.

Last week, the veterans' success at getting $24,000 for each of the Hong Kong prisoners or their survivors was not much cause of celebration for Mr. Schofield's widow.

"It's not important to me," says Winnie Schofield, sitting in the Wilberforce home she and Reg shared during their happy married life. "I'd rather have him than the darn money, but the men (petitioning the government) think it's something we should have, I guess.

"If Reg were here to enjoy it I'd be happy, but (with him gone), I don't feel one way or another."

Reg Schofield passed away in September 1997, his health weakened by the almost-four years he spent in the POW camp following the fall of Hong Kong in December, 1941. Fifteen-hundred Canadian soldiers had been trapped on the island after Japan's invasion and became prisoners of the Japanese, whose treatment of the men was, in the words of Mrs. Schofield and many others, "very vicious."

Growing up in Wilberforce and born with a kindly manner, Reg had signed up with the Canadian forces when he was in his thirties. He wasn't long overseas before he became a POW.

He was unprepared for the brutality and physical duress of life in the labour camp. As his widow recalls, one of the Canadian men's tasks was to literally move a mountain, bucketful by bucketful, so the Japanese could build an airstrip where the mountain used to be. The men wore yokes like cattle and attached a bucket to each end of the yoke.

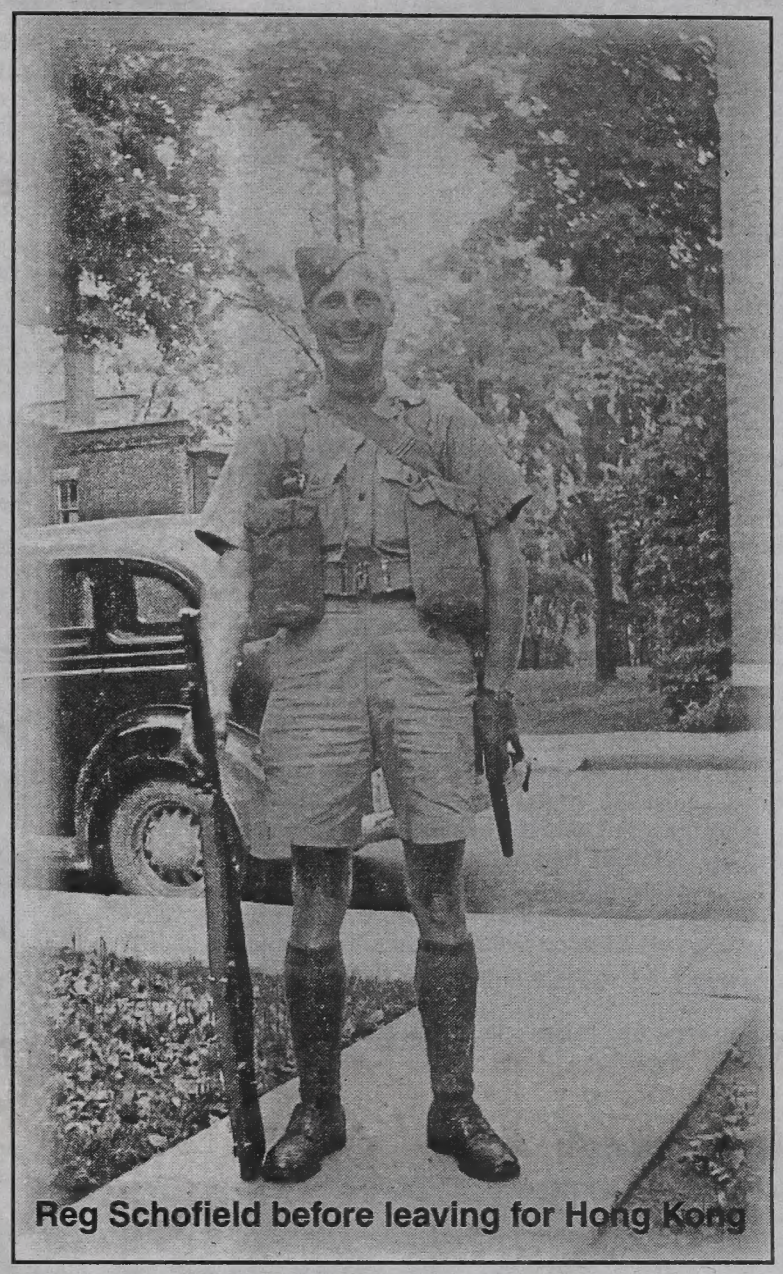
Combined with a poor diet and other physical hardships, including beatings, many became sick and died.

"He told me all the really young fellows died first," Mrs. Schofield says.

After the Allied victory over Japan in 1945, Mr. Schofield spent a few months recuperating before he returned home to Wilberforce. (His arrival at the train station, greeted by school children waving flags, will be part of the town's new mural.) Both he and Winnie were in their forties when they married and began raising their three "miracle" daughters.

Money was tight as Reg took on several jobs, such as collecting bottles, trapping, gardening and sharpening skates to provide for his family, yet they were happy years as a family.

Reg seldom talked about his years as a prisoner and he forbade Winnie from looking at his photo album from the war. After his death, she found in it photos of men being decapitated and disembowelled, with one photo showing two men's heads propped on a dirt road. Haunted still by the gruesome images of stark brutality, she then understood why her husband didn't want her to see the photos. She has no idea where he got them from.



Reg Schofield before leaving for Hong Kong

In 1952, the Japanese government signed a peace agreement with the Canadian government, giving the former POWs a small payment (which Mrs. Schofield remembers they used to buy a furnace.) Since then, Japan has refused to pay any more money, although the government has offered a "heartfelt apology" both now and in the past.

What the veterans didn't know, however, was that Canada was given the opportunity to renegotiate the settlement but chose not to.

While many of the veterans wish the money was coming from the Japanese government instead of their own, last week's $18-million settlement was a welcome compromise. There are only 400 Hong Kong veterans still alive and the association wanted to make sure as many as possible could enjoy the compensation that is their due for years of slave labour for the Japanese army.

"No amount of money could ever compensate the Hong Kong veterans for the unspeakable suffering they had to endure," Veterans Affairs Minister Fred Mifflin said during the official announcement. "But this has gone on long enough. Our Hong Kong veterans are simply too old to carry on the fight."

Echo's schedule changes during the holidays

With the arrival of snow and the promise of being with friends and family, we at *The Echo* join other Highlanders in excitedly looking foward to the Christmas holiday.

The Echo office will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 24 at 3 p.m until Tuesday, Dec. 29. The newspaper will be a day late on the newstands, coming out Wednesday, Dec. 30. The advertising dealine for the Dec. 30 issue is Dec. 24 at 3 p.m.

The Echo office will be closed on Friday, Jan. 1; therefore, the advertising deadline for the January 5 paper is Thursday, Dec.31 at 5 p.m..

We thank you for accommodating this holiday schedule and wish you joy and contentment during your own festive celebrations.

Glamorgan's Elva Bates becomes county's third female warden

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

After three years under the direction of Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey, county council has a new face at the head of its table.

Glamorgan reeve Elva Bates was sworn in as county warden Tuesday evening, becoming just the third woman to lead the county.

The following day, speaking as warden of her first county council meeting, Bates credited Fearrey for his dedication and leadership over the past three years.

"I expect to rely rather heavily on the past warden and on those who have served in that capacity in prior years to provide guidance as I undertake these new duties," she said. "Councillor Fearrey's marathon stint of three consecutive years as warden cannot be overlooked or forgotten, and I do not pretend to bring the same experience and expertise to the positions as he has done."

Councillors had returned Fearrey to the warden's chair for three years to have consistency while dealing with difficult issues, such as restructuring and the transfer of services from the province.

Warden Elva Bates

Bates pledged to continue trying to further the process of restructuring over the year ahead.

As well, she said her goals would include:

- maintaining services at, or above, their current level;
- the creation of an official plan;
- continuing plans to establish a centralized computer system for the county;
- ensuring the county is ready to deal with the millennium bug;
- and developing plans to celebrate the new millennium.

Bates said she's satisfied the county has "the best people in the best places" to reach the goals she outlined.

Bates, the former clerk of Glamorgan from 1967 to 1993, is serving her second term as the municipality's reeve.

She is the second Bates to serve as the county's warden. Her late husband's grandfather, Nathan Choate Bates, was warden of the county in 1922.

The only other women to hold the position of warden prior to Bates were Myrtle Bamford and Carol Puffer.

Combined detachment hits raw nerve

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stomach the administration in Coboconk, why would they want it to move to Lindsay? It doesn't make sense," he said in a later interview.

A two-county detachment may be more economical for municipalities, but the level of policing may also drop, suggested Elliott.

The proposal would eliminate one of two existing staff sergeant positions in the two counties and could cut two or three other sergeants off the roster, said Hutton.

As well, he said the detective unit and court officers would be based in Lindsay. Presently, Minden has a court officer and its own detectives.

"You would lose officers from this county," said Elliott.

A smaller bill for police services "would be the only benefit the county would get, and you get what you pay for," he maintained.

Dysart deputy-reeve Bill Davis also attended Wednesday's meeting, but was so angry with council's decision he left immediately after they voted to find out more about a two-county detachment.

"It's against everything we've been arguing, they've been arguing, for the past 18 months," he said.

Davis said he understood politicians argued for the return of OPP administration to Minden because it would increase police visibility and ultimately could lead to more officers on the street in the Highlands.

"If that argument was justified then, where does that argument go when your talking about getting a price on moving administration 30 kilometres further than when it was in Coboconk? ... The decision I saw (Wednesday) was fiscally driven and the part about whether we're going to have X number of police is being lost."

Davis said he'd like to see county politicians hold a plebiscite or referendum to find out what the public thinks about the proposal before it comes time for a final decision.

He suggested a combined police force for the two counties could be a step along the road toward overall amalgamation of Haliburton and Victoria Counties.

"I would hope that we're not directing the flow to become part of Victoria County because at this point in time. It may make economic sense at some point in the future, but let's not just do it for the wrong reason — just because the provincial government would like to see amalgamations."

Lutterworth reeve Jim McMahon maintained the county should only consider a contract with the OPP for a stand-alone detachment in the Highlands.

"Bigger isn't always better. We've already proven that with the amalgamation of the Minden/Coboconk cluster," he said. McMahon said local municipalities would see their voice on police issues diminished under a two-county detachment.

If the county had a stand-alone detachment, the police services board that would help guide it would be made up representatives from all municipalities included in the contract.

But in a two-county detachment, Haliburton County would only have partial representation on a police services board including municipal representatives from Victoria County.

"We'd be losing autonomy," McMahon said.

But other councillors supported Fearrey's stance, maintaining council should look at the costs of a two-county detachment before making a decision.

Hutton said municipalities in Northumberland County decided to merge three OPP detachments into one administrative detachment "and it's working very well."

"Sometimes with clustering or amalgamation you can eliminate duplication and increase the number of front-line officers at the same time," he said. "... I'm not here to tell you it's a better option because I'm not here to tell you how to spend your taxpayers' money. I'm just saying this is an option and you may want to look at it."

Hutton stressed to councillors "there is no intention on our part to close the Minden detachment."

An article in a Lindsay paper reporting the OPP would look at closing the Coboconk office is false, Hutton said. "That has never been suggested by us or advised by us."

The municipalities in Victoria County that aren't being served by the Lindsay Police would have to agree to an amalgamation proposal with Haliburton County before it could take place. So far, they haven't even begun to consider the idea.

At a meeting Wednesday evening, the municipalities told Hutton they are only interested presently in discussing a contract for police services in their own county.

Each of the municipal councils plans to examine the costs involved over the next month, said Hutton.

However, Victoria County warden John Macklem said he would be willing to look at the benefits of a two-county detachment.

"We need to be part of a contract in order to give our taxpayers the best value for their dollars. The management of the OPP is up to the OPP," he said.

Hutton said he could likely give county councillors projected costs for a stand-alone detachment and a two-county detachment within 45 to 60 days.

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Various MNR staff honoured for dedication

TOPS WITH THEIR PEERS:
The dedication and hard work of all staff members at the Frost Centre, above, recently earned them an Amethyst Award, the highest level of recognition in the Ontario civil service. Other local Amethyst winners include the firefighters at the Haliburton MNR fire base and Minden MNR staff who helped out after last January's ice storm, and the MNR staff members who oversaw the Sustainable Forestry Licence process. Premier Mike Harris presented the awards last Tuesday at Queen's Park.

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Team effort and professional dedication earned several local Ministry of Natural Resources workers the province's highest award for government employees.

On December 8, Premier Mike Harris presented Amethyst Awards to the staff at the Frost Centre, the MNR fire crew in Haliburton and Minden area MNR workers who helped people in Eastern Ontario cope with last January's devastating ice storm, and the MNR's Sustainable Forest Licence Team members, three of whom are from this area.

The Amethyst Award recognizes outstanding achievement and contributions by members of the public service, and is the government's highest level of recognition.

This year, the MNR received a record four of 21 awards, tying for first place with the Ministry of Health. Eighty-three people or teams from various government departments had been nominated.

MPP Chris Hodgson, in congratulating the local recipients, said it was encouraging that their hard work and dedication were being honoured.

"It was a great day, just being able to be recognized by our peers," the Frost Centre's Barrie Martin says of the award presentation in Toronto.

The Frost Centre won the award for "excellence in environmental and resource management education." It is the MNR's principal training and public education centre, but it is also a favourite get-away destination for canoeists, campers and cross country skiers.

"On any given day, you may find a class of Grade 6 students learning about managing Ontario's lakes, teachers learning to bring the natural environment into the classroom and Conservation Officers participating in self defense workshops," says Anne Collins, who nominated the Hwy 35 institution.

"The education team has led the evolution of the MNR's public education programs," she says. "Their goal is to improve awareness, knowledge and stewardship of Ontario's natural resources. By connecting participants to the outdoor environment through hands on learning experiences, the team has won the respect of provincial and national environmental education organizations.

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"The testimonies supporting this nomination contained words such as innovation, creativity and commitment, but Penny Obee, local educator and an occasional course director for Nipissing University, really captured the spirit of why these 36 people deserve this award.

"She said, 'After a short time living at the Frost Centre, it soon felt like we were working with family. Everyone pitched in to do whatever needed doing. The final product was a quality educational experience for the participants.'"

The present generation of staff who "go above and beyond the norm" are Bob Stewart, Barrie Martin, Micheline Pothier, Ron Pittaway, Cathy Anderson, Chris Lemieux, Frances Marshall, Margaret Shelly, Eric Roth, Carolyn MacDonald, Murial Bird, Brenda Manser, Val MacEachern, Glenn McMillan, Barb O'Reilly, Janet Pineau, Cathy Thomas, Bob Pollard, Cindy Preston, Barb Towns, Alf Trotter, John Vangeene, Kim Wendt, Kelly Anger, Christie Ackerblade, Pamela Burns, Barb Ballantyne, Lyn Stevens, John Etches, Brian Healy, Thomie Spielbergs, Shirley Davidson, Albert Carpenter, Barb Burk, Ruth Anne Bryant and Donelda Smith.

The MNR's Peter Hynard (Minden), Rob Spence (Bancroft), and Gary Schultz (Bracebridge) were part of the Sustainable Forest Licence Team that received the award for leadership, dedication and commitment following the success of the SFL negotiations. The team successfully arranged the transfer of forest management responsibilities from the local MNR districts to the harvesters of the forest. This was the largest alternate service delivery initiative in the history of the MNR.

Staff from the Haliburton Fire Centre and Minden office were among 200 professional firefighters and MNR staff who won a special Amethyst award for helping residents of Eastern Ontario combat the effects of the ice storm and spring floods.

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AWAY IN A MANGER:

The children at Lakeside Baptist Church brought the Christmas message to life at a special celebration at the Haliburton Highlands Museum last Saturday night. After people gathered round a bonfire to sing carols, the children presented the story of Christ's birth at the museum's stable.

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Teachers, board find compromise

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"Everyone seems really happy that they can go away for the Christmas break and come back and it will be back to normal," she said Friday.

The two-year contract, from Sept. 1, 1998 to Aug. 31, 2000, accommodates the 25-minute per day increase in instruction time called for by Bill 160 without actually bumping up the amount of time teachers spend in the classroom.

Instead, teachers will make up the time providing on-call coverage and performing various supervisory duties.

The agreement means teachers who've been teaching an additional course each day for the first semester will go back to their regular course load for the second semester.

Previously, board officials had said they would have to hire up to 40 additional teachers across the system to absorb extra 25 minutes without increasing time in the classroom.

However, the new agreement doesn't require additional teachers.

While some teachers have had their salaries temporarily frozen, or "red circled," until other teachers across the system reach their pay scale, no one took a pay cut, said Murdoch.

Mainly teachers at Haliburton's high school saw their salaries red circled because their pay scale is higher than teachers in the former Victoria County and Muskoka boards, she said.

"It's really been a good deal. No one took a hit in pay ad no one took a hit in benefits."

Contract talks went much smoother when the two sides returned to the bargaining table after a five-week impasse, Murdoch said.

"Even though it was frustrating for both groups, those five weeks away may have been a positive because it let the two sides know when they got back to the table that something serious had to get done."

While after-school sports will resume in January, it's still uncertain when competitions between schools will start again.

Last June COSSA — the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletic Association — suspended championships for all sports indefinitely and withdrew participation in OFSAA, the all-Ontario high school sports league.

The association, covering four area school boards and 38 schools, has yet to announce any changes in its stance.

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County should ensure trail clearing damage doesn't happen again: Rigney

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's meeting of county council.

Snowdon Reeve Ross Rigney wants to ensure the county isn't involved again in the kind of destructive trail clearing that recently took place on the abandoned rail corridor.

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association organized the work, but the county paid for the rented equipment and the labour to run the machine.

The equipment, a bush-whacker, was highly effective in quickly removing brush from the trail, but it caused a great deal of damage to trees.

Before council grants permission for similar projects in the future, it needs to be more careful to make certain the situation doesn't repeat itself, said Rigney.

"The bottom line is there are a lot of trees that were damaged or are going to die because of this," he said.

Lands for Life

The county's appeal for more time to comment on the recently released Lands for Life consolidated report was not granted by the province.

County councillors petitioned Natural Resources Minister John Snobelen when he was in the Highlands recently to extend the deadline for input.

But their personal approach didn't pay off.

"We didn't get the extension ... so all we can do is wait to see what comes down," said Sherborne et al Reeve Don Shortreed.

Snowmobiling ban

Snowmobilers won't be able to travel on all county roads this winter.

As a safety precaution, council passed a bylaw prohibiting snowmobiles on the former provincial highways the county has taken over — 121, 503, 507 and 648.

Riders will be permitted to cross the roads, but that's all.

Hyland Crest surplus

Hyland Crest is set to finish its fiscal year with a surplus of $211,000, noted Shortreed.

The money will be transferred into a county reserve fund.

SANTA ON ICE:

Santa might not be good on skates, but he knows how to treat all the boys and girls who have been good this past year. At the invitation of the Haliburton Figure Skating Club, Santa dropped by the Dysart arena on Thursday afternoon to hand out candies to those enjoying the public skating.

Illegal logging nets Bancroft-area man $5,000 fine

A call from a concerned citizen has led to a $5,000 fine against a Bancroft area logger.

A Gilmour, Ontario man was fined $5,000 after being convicted on a charge under the Crown Forest Sustainability Act of harvesting forest resources from Crown land without a Forest Resource Licence. He appeared in Ontario Court (provincial division) in Bancroft, before Justice of the Peace Lorraine Watson on December 1.

Court was told that late last March, a concerned citizen told MNR's Bancroft office that timber that was being brought out to a township road in the Coe Hill area might be coming from a Crown lot.

A joint investigation by MNR Enforcement and Forest Management staff confirmed that 296 trees were unlawfully removed from Crown land at Lot 1, Concession 7 of Wollaston Township.

Witnesses at the trail testified that the man had a verbal contract in the fall of 1996 to remove timber from two private lots adjacent to the Crown lot. The logging operation was carried out intermittently over a two-year period ending in the spring of 1998. One witness informed the court that he had shown the man the line delineating the boundary between the private land and the Crown lot. An MNR Forest Management technician confirmed by a survey of the area found the line between the lots still marked with orange flagging tape.

In requesting the $5,000 fine, Crown prosecutor George Archer said that a substantial penalty was required to deter other people from trying to profit from the unauthorized removal of valuable forest resources from Crown land.

The Crown Forest Sustainability Act has licence requirements that control the harvesting of timber from Crown forests to help ensure that Crown forests are managed to meet present and future social, economic and environmental needs.

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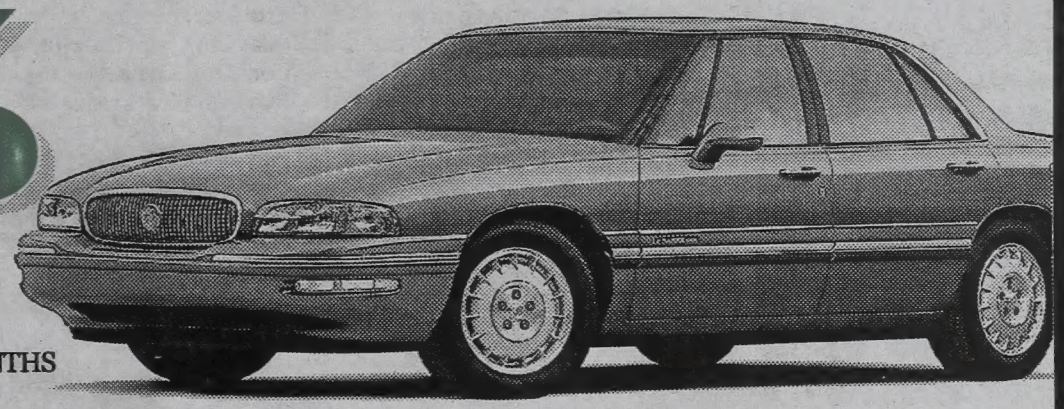

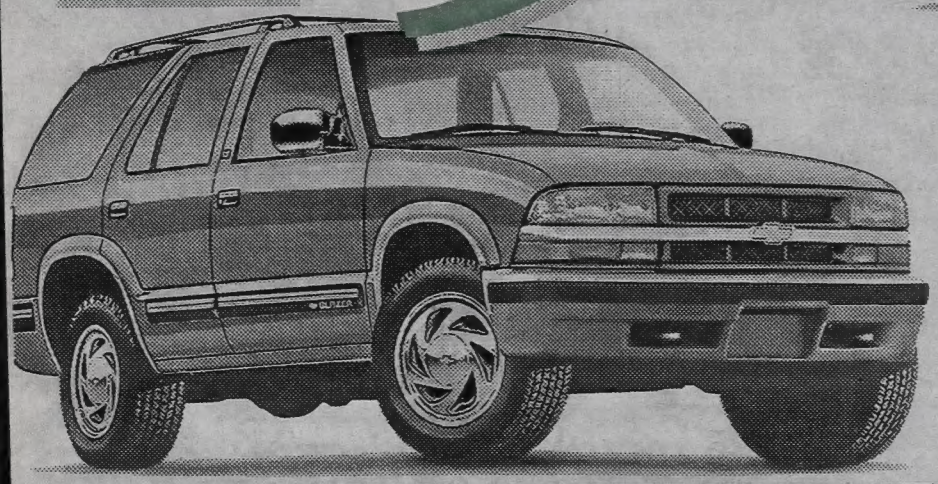

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A day laden with expectations

OUR EMOTIONAL INVESTMENT in Christmas is immense. Not just a holiday with religious roots, December 25 carries with it the expectation everyone will be happy.

It's almost as if you're not allowed to be unhappy on Christmas, and if you are, it's somehow your fault – you're not doing enough to get in the proper spirit. And if you're unhappy at Christmas, the sense of unhappiness becomes even worse. We might be able to cope with unhappiness on the other 364 days of the year, but somehow any unhappiness on this hallowed day seems even more painful because it goes against the spirit of the holiday.

echo **editorial**

martha perkins

Look around you – everyone is happy, right? People are talking about being home with family and the joy that brings. They busily buy presents and justify the stress this causes by thinking about how happy the recipient will be on Christmas morning when the gift is unwrapped. Houses are brightly festooned with lights and decorations, kitchens are put into over-time and people passing by on the street wish you a cheery Christmas.

With all of these manifestations of goodwill and joy, we have to be happy. If we're not, we're not fulfilling our role in making Christmas the most special day of the year. (Birthdays and anniversaries may compete on the specialness scale, but not everyone celebrates at the same time, as they do with Christmas.)

But how can that be true for everyone every Christmas?

Of course, happiness does not follow any calendar schedule. People who are coping with illness, death or personal strife will still wake up to those challenges on Christmas morning. Our problems won't disappear simply because of the nostalgic resonances of Christmases from our youth. Family conflicts will still be present when you gather all those people under one roof; maybe the family structure has suffered a rift in the year since last Christmas. We might be able to will ourselves to be happy, but we can't will away all the causes of our unhappiness.

To those for whom Christmas is a bittersweet holiday, when expectation and reality clash and sadness must be dealt with as an inescapable facet of the human condition, we hope the day brings at least some measure of peace. May the sentiments of the season give you strength to endure, or at least to cope a little better.

To those for whom Christmas is simply a day like all the others, is there something you could be doing in your life to put the principles of peace and goodwill towards your fellow man into better practice?

And to those for whom Christmas is pure contentment and fun, take a moment to reflect upon just how lucky you are.

Enjoying the Christmas carols at Extendicare *by Peter Downs*

letters **to the editor**

Trail clearing leaves ugly scars

To the Editor:

High among the many attractions of the Haliburton Highlands, whether for permanent or seasonal residents, or visitors, is its natural beauty in all four seasons. Our county's brochures describe the county as clean, beautiful, scenic, spectacular, paradise, wonderland, etc. The county's community-based strategic plan (1997) refers to "expanses of relatively untouched natural beauty"; one of the "key strengths to build on" is "the quality of the natural environment"; "pristine diverse beauty"; and so on.

It also recognizes Haliburton's recreational trails as among our greatest strengths.

Among Haliburton's many trails, my favorite is the county-owned, multi-purpose, abandoned CNR line between Haliburton village and Kinmount. The newly reactivated Haliburton Trails and Tours Network plans to develop a "signature trail" along this line which provides access to a great diversity of forests, wetlands, rivers, open areas, farmland, and rural residential areas, and which will ultimately be linked to the Trans-Canada and other trails. Thus it will undoubtedly play a major role in attracting visitors to Haliburton County, with considerable economic benefit to our businesses and workers.

But wait - there's now a serious problem. Recently while walking on the rail line we were distressed to see that many shrubs and trees on both sides had been mangled by a machine (bush-whacker), leaving unsightly ragged stumps and frayed branches. Elongated splinters like fright-wigs attached atop stumps doubled the original diameters of the formerly intact trees! In many cases, all or most of the limbs on the visible inner side of the trail-side trees had been butchered, and the bark scarred irregularly.

Although snow will cover all the ground-level and low mess and may even hide some of the frayed branches, anyone who walks along the line this winter and looks at what used to be attractive, natural shapes will notice and be disgusted.

Part of the natural beauty of the old rail line was because of the trees close to it. Beside some wetlands, the single row of shrubs on either side has been destroyed, removing perches and movement corridors for songbirds that potential eco-tourists might wish to view. Sure, eventually the shredded cut branches and stumps will decompose but the scarred branches and misshapen trunks will take years to heal.

I have no problem with cutting down trees using axe and chain-saw, nor with pruning back protruding limbs. Such surgery, however, can be done with finesse, neatness, and respect, while still fulfilling the aims of improving the safety and quality of the trail where necessary, and leaving the remaining trees reasonably intact, healthy, and attractive. The stretches that we examined gave evidence that many trees were slashed in an arbitrary and quite irregular manner. Go walk parts of the rail line and see for yourself!

The article (Haliburton Echo, 15 December, page 19) informed us that our tax dollars paid for the equipment rental and labour costs of this devastation, and that the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) was involved. Even though the county warned them of the way the trail would look afterwards, the HCSA thought it was the price they would have to pay for saving money. Did this single group have the right to ravage the natural vegetation close to an important trail to the detriment of the trees, the scenery, other users, and the aims of the county to draw people to the Haliburton

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So many different Christmases

IT FELT MORE like spring than mid-December as Meg walked along the dark road, the partial moon giving ample light to see her way. No snow and a balmy breeze both invigorated and stirred unease within her. Would it feel like Christmas this year if indeed there was no snow, no cold and bracing air to redden noses and make the fireplace an inviting place to sit? As her feet carried her on her nighttime walk, her mind wandered further. What were those special ingredients that made it "feel like Christmas"?

That first Christmas as a newly single parent, taunt nerved, brittle enough to snap yet able to push all other thoughts aside briefly, to smile and eat turkey and pretend the world was a peaceful place for families. It felt like Christmas for a short while, even that year.

Another Christmas at the cottage; icy floors, frosted windows and little else to do but feed the fire and dash to the outhouse. The stars had been magnificent, the presents scarce but carefully chosen and the tree, small and perfect, like the day.

Then there had been the Christmas in the warmer climate, where a sudden snow fall had paralysed the city and Meg had walked outside early Christmas morning to watch sliding taxis and upended pedestrians. The air had been yellow and mild, the holly still growing in hedges along the sidewalk as she had gone in search of Christmas that year. It had eluded her. Perhaps there had been too much slush.

down our **road**

sharon lynch

The hopeful Christmas of so long ago, pushed forward to open the presents sooner only to end in a disappointing let down. Christmas was not just a matter of timing, but timing was important, none the less. The words, "Well, the presents are done so I guess Christmas is over," rang in her ears for days after.

Big and boisterous Christmases of groaning tables and dressed up relatives that would have made any Dickensian story proud. Red velvet gowns, upswept hair and the heavy, aromatic air laden with perfume, tobacco and cinnamon. The world had been rosy with expectation, warm with pleasure, calm with love.

Before going to bed on the magic night, suitable refreshments were left for Santa and the reindeer and the fireplace was inspected for any obstructions in the chimney. Meg remembered laying between crisp sheets that smelled of starch, far too excited to sleep, listening for sounds on the roof. Then, in the morning, the almost delirious excitement of anticipation that kept her, for a hesitant moment, unwilling to leave her room for fear she might explode.

Other Christmases, some less wondrous, less memorable, less Christmas-like had come and gone to bring her to this night, this walk in the dark beside the still, unfrozen lake. Lights shone across the water, sparkling green and red from their distance. Despite the non-traditional weather, people had come to celebrate a very special time of year in a place that held special meaning to them. The cottage represented an attempt for many to return to a simpler holiday celebrated at a slower pace closer to nature. The manic bustle ended at the cottage door. Families came together, hoped for snow and surrendered themselves to enjoying a few days of good food, long walks and talks by the fire.

There were, Meg knew, no shortage of sad and suffering people in the world at Christmas. They were not the people at cottages for the holidays. Rather they were the ones without family, food, possibly shelter. They hated Christmas because it was the most cruel of all times of year, for it reminded them with every radio station, store window and television commercial, of what they did not have. Belonging,

pic *of the* past

LET'S GO BACK to the mid 1930s for this week's Pic of the Past. Gathered together are the heroic members of the Wilberforce Athletic Club, baseball players in the summer and star hockey players in the winter. After borrowing this photo from Winnie Schofield, we turned to the memories of Ross and Murray Agnew to help us identify the players. (Murray remembers the thrill when he was allowed to be the WAC's bat boy.) The players are, we believe, from left: Back row: Reg Schofield, Frank Minns, Ross Agnew, Harry Tallman, Elgin Bowen and Bill McMahon. Front row: George Miller, Frank Schofield, goalie Bob Marshall, Lorne Marshall and Art Fleming. Our thanks to the Agnew brothers and Mrs. Schofield for their contributions.

Supervision needed for trail work

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Highlands?

Surely some members of the HCSA appreciate the natural beauty along the trails. Haliburton promotional brochures refer to "groomed trails winding through spectacular scenery" and "a snowmobile journey through unspoiled wilderness" or "pristine forest".

Could there not be some future supervision of the people who actually widen the trails by people with some appreciation and respect for the environment and understanding that other groups use the same trails throughout the year? In the meantime couldn't those responsible for making such an ugly mess of so many trees return under supervision to cut off the remains of the many frayed limbs to try to improve the appearance and health of the most visible casualties.

Couldn't some group, say the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network, convene public meetings among representatives of all the groups whose members use the rail line to discuss their mutual and separate interests and perspectives, to sort out some priorities, and to plan cooperation for the greatest overall benefit to the public and to Haliburton County? Shouldn't the County Advisory Committee for the Environment be involved as the rail line is one of the county's most previous resources?

Donald A. Smith
RR 2, Haliburton

Seasonal taxes pay teachers' wages

To the Editor:

Please remind Harvey M. Clarke that the pensioners and low income residents (averaging $11,795 annually) are not the only taxpayers providing education for the students in the Trillium Lakelands District.

Seasonal residents contribute greatly to the system – a system that is crumbling due to Mike Harris' "common sense". Ironically, many of these cottagers are educators themselves, investing in the future of your young people.

Janet Whiteley,
Kennisis Lake/Markham

Community's friendship during family's time of need will always be remembered

To the Editor:

I would like to extend my heartfelt thank you to the people of Haliburton, West Guilford and the surrounding Highlands, for their warm hospitality and the sincerity of your heartfelt concern and actions for my daughter-in-law, son and very dear granddaughter (Rick, Kim and Raven) through their difficult times.

I have an unforgettable feeling of friendship and caring.

To you all, my very best for the Christmas season and a healthy and prosperous New Year. Words cannot express my gratitude to your wonderful community. You're #1 in my books.

With warm memories and many thanks.

Maureen Peterson,
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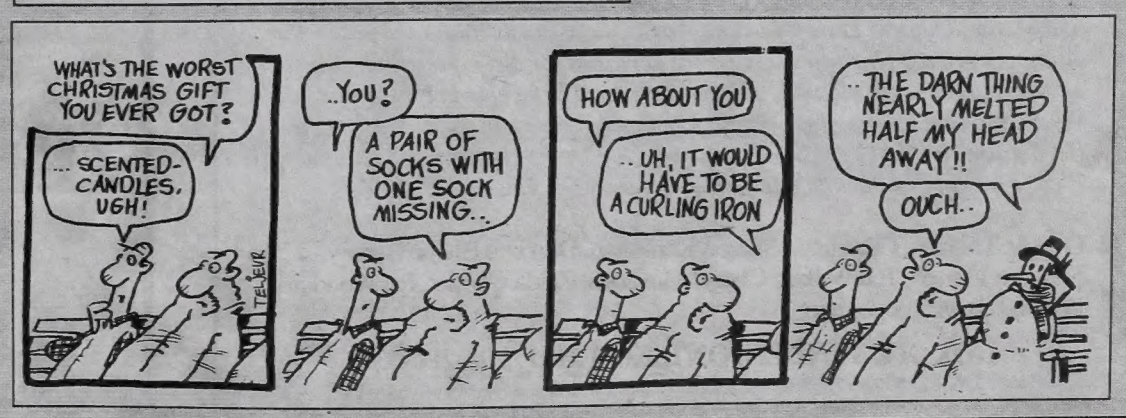

What ever happened to first-time warning?

To the Editor:

When I was a young driver my father taught me to always come to a full stop at a stop sign and not perform one of those "almost but not quite stops". To this day I can honestly say I have tried to uphold his lesson as well as the law.

My son was stopped by the police a few nights ago just east of the town of Gelert, at 10:30 p.m. (not a creature was stirring; not even a mouse) for performing one of those "almost but not quite" stops while coming onto County Rd. 1 from a side road.

Now I am a believer in the need for rules and laws and realize he was in the wrong; but "really guys" – a conscientious eighteen-year-old obviously driving the family car is fined $105.00 for this unintentional driving error? What ever happened to a "first time warning"?

If police would like to hand out a multitude of these fines, just sit at County Rd. 1 and Hwy. #121 in the morning and see how many people just drive right around the corner (not even close to one of those "almost but not quite stops") to make a right turn into Haliburton.

This is a busy intersection that is known for some nasty accidents in the past. The saying goes, "what's fair for one is fair for all."

Need I say more?

S. Little,
Lochlin

Dombind ban decison was misguided

To the Editor

Dombind - Is it an environmental concern? (Dec. 15 Echo.)

Norm Sterling, Ontario Minister of the Environment and Energy, has decided that the use of Dombind, a natural by-product of the pulping process and used as a dust suppressant on roads, is to be phased out over the next two years.

We were informed by the CBC and an article in the Ottawa Citizen that his decision was initiated by a letter he received from three previous environment ministers. It appears that this decision was based on a concern regarding the levels of dioxin and furan contaminants in dombind.

Was this a legitimate concern and hence the appropriate rationale for Norm Sterling's decision? Norampac, the producer of Dombind, in a five-year deal with the government ending on 31 December, was required to monitor dombind for contaminants such as dioxins, phenols, and sodium. It was also required to make sure these contaminants weren't accumulating on rural roadsides. Because the Trenton mill stopped dumping waste into the Trent River but started to use a closed loop system, the amount of the contaminants in Dombind increased but were still below the amount set out in the five-year deal.

Considerable pressure to discontinue the use of dombind has been exerted by an environmental group and some of their information has been taken out of context. Norm Sterling's decision should have been based on scientific facts not on manipulation by pressure groups. What are the scientific facts?

Over the past months I have consulted various scientists about Dombind and none has indicated that there is information indicating that dombind is an environmental concern. These included scientists in Norm Sterling's own department, people in the Ministry of Labour who are responsible for the health and safety of the applicators, and scientists from Environment Canada and Health Canada . From the results of the toxicity studies carried out on

Dombind to date, there are no red flags. The components of Dombind are all natural products. The perception that Dombind is a problem is due to the fact that dombind contains low levels of dioxins and furans as contaminants.

According to the Toxic Management Plan under CEPA (Canadian Environmental Protection Act) the levels of dioxins and furans must not contribute to an increase in the background level. If they do so, then they contravene the Act. These chemicals are everywhere in the environment. The levels in Dombind are generally stated to be very low; that is, they are below the level that currently exists in the environment. Furthermore, the levels of the most toxic dioxin was not detectable in Dombind; note that of the 210 isomeric forms of dioxins, only 17 are considered particularly toxic.

It seems that an environmental group has focussed on the adverse effects of much higher concentrations of these contaminants; high concentrations are certainly of concern. But is there any difference in the levels of these contaminants on treated and untreated roads? Dombind is soluble in water, is quickly diluted, and is generally rapidly degraded. To date there is no evidence that it is damaging to the environment. It has been used for over 40 years and there are apparently no confirmed reports of any adverse effects (fide MOEE). Nevertheless, in order to clarify the situation, additional toxicity studies should be done so that solid scientifically based conclusions can be made.

Environment Canada has done some preliminary studies on Dombind's effect on American Kestrels (used as a surrogate for the endangered Loggerhead Shrike) but when I last spoke with the scientists there, they indicated that the significance of exposure to Dombind was unknown and that additional studies were required.

A risk assessment should be done. This will depend on the application rate, run-off into streams, and dilution in streams. Although there are rigid application criteria set out by MOEE, there have been reports that these were not being followed so that dombind was being inappropriately applied. This should be monitored.

What are the alternatives to dombind? There is calcium chloride which is not only expensive but also considered to be more toxic than dombind. We have seen how destructive it is to the roadside vegetation and how corrosive it is to the metal of our cars. Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey was quoted in the Haliburton Echo article as saying re calcium chloride "I'm not certain it's any better for the environment." Roads Superintendent Clayton Cameron also reiterated this.

The public needs some assurance that decisions by members of our provincial government are guided by professionally obtained and properly interpreted scientific data, not perceptions of pressure groups.

Lorraine C. Smith
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Support made Christmas program a success

To the Editor:

On behalf of our Sunday School children and teachers, and all those who participated in our "Christmas Then and Now" program, I would like to publicly thank the staff of Glebe Park for their tremendous help in preparing for our evening of celebration.

To Tom Ballantine and Steve Hill we thank you for being present on Saturday evening to ensure that everything ran smoothly. Tom, your personal efforts in preparing the park for our program were especially appreciated. We would also like to thank Bruce Griffith and the Haliburton Highlands Cross Country Ski Club for the use of your building. In large part, due to your efforts and generosity, we were able to enjoy, as a community, a wonderful evening together celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Savior. Thank you all.

Patti Abel,
Lakeside Baptist Church

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Minden bonspiel draws Ontario's best

PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

In two weeks curling fans will be able to watch the province's best junior curlers compete in Minden for the chance to represent Ontario at the upcoming Canadian Championships.

During its 50th anniversary year, the Minden Curling Club has been chosen to host the junior men's and women's provincial curling championship from Jan. 5-10.

The event is expected to draw hundreds of spectators who want to see competitive curling at its best.

Seventeen teams of four curlers, plus their coaches, will compete in the bonspiel. Among them, last year's Junior World Champion, John Morris of Ottawa, will be defending his Ontario title.

"It should be very exciting to watch," said organizing committee chairman Dwight Thomas. "It's going to be pretty good competition."

Spectators can watch the curling action for free during the six-day event. The curling club can hold about 160 spectators, said Thomas.

On opening day, Tuesday, Jan. 5, games are scheduled for 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. In between, teams will be on the ice practicing. Official opening ceremonies take place at 7 p.m.

From Wednesday, Jan. 6 through Friday, Jan. 8, games are scheduled at 8:50 a.m., 12:20 p.m., 4:20 p.m. and 7:50 p.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 9, games are set for 8: 50 a.m. If tie-breakers are necessary, they'll be played at 3 p.m. Semi-finals will begin at 7 p.m.

The finals will be played at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 10 to determine the Ontario champions, followed by closing ceremonies at 12:30 p.m.

Tournament champs for women and men will represent Ontario at the Canadian Championships in Kelowna. B.C. from Feb. 6-14, 1999.

The Minden Curling Club hosted the provincial championships once previously. In March, 1987, junior mixed and men's intermediate curlers competed for the Ontario title in Minden.

Club ensures all interested in fun of nordic skiing can hit the trails

The Parliamentary sub-committee on Canadian Heritage recently released nearly 70 recommendations for improving sport in Canada. Although the proposal that would give tax breaks to professional athletes and sports franchises received the most attention, there were other interesting proposals.

The chairman of the committee, MP Dennis Mills, said that perhaps his most important recommendations address accessibility to sport and active living for all Canadians.

Mr. Mills said that he wants to ensure that all Canadians (especially children), regardless of means, have access to organized sport. The Haliburton Highlands Cross-Country Ski Club anticipated the parliamentarians quite nicely.

It has long been our policy to make sure that no one misses out on the pleasures of skiing and healthy recreation. Especially at this time of year, it is important to mention that arrangements can be made so that those of limited means can join the ski club and pay their fees through volunteer work if necessary.

cross-country skiing —
nordic notes
Blake Paton

Also, those who need equipment, especially kids who want to join the Jackrabbit ski program, can get help from club volunteers who redistribute outgrown equipment. The club would like to set a new participation record for the Jackrabbit ski school this year.

Mr. Mills also says that some of the report's recommendations are designed to promote activity in the Canadian population. He pointed out that the savings in health care costs due to improved fitness of Canadians would amount to billions of dollars every year.

Many people are now beginning to view keeping fit as a social obligation, but it's not such a serious matter. Yes, membership in the ski club is inexpensive and it provides huge amounts of healthy and natural exercise. The most important part is that it is fun, no one thinks about how one fewer heart operation could pay for tonnes of ski wax when he is out skiing!

It doesn't have to be skiing, though, and any activity is better than the inactivity of the Nintendo, the T.V. or the snow machine. Ask anyone who suffers from a serious illness how much they would pay would for restored health, and you'll likely hear, "Anything."

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PeeWee Rep Huskies tie Stars

WADE MacINNESS

PeeWee Rep Huskies

December 18 at the Dysart arena, the Pee Wee C Victoria Durham Playoff Preview was on as the Husky Pee Wee Reps hosted the Millbrook Stars. In the first game of their home and home regular season series the two teams battled to a 3 - 3 draw in Millbrook.

Let's check out how this game unfolded. First period, Stars, one goal, Huskies, one goal. Second period, Stars, two goals, Huskies, two goals. Third period, Stars, two goals, Huskies, two goals, No way, a 5 - 5 tie!

Brandon the "B" Bowman led the way for the blue and white bagging the hat trick with big Mark Perry assisting on all three goals. Joey Sisson and Jeremy Miscio had a goal each and single helpers went to Joel Johnson, Ross Gerry, Matt Manary and Brandon Logan. Alex Frybort and Jeremy Moynes both played stellar in the Husky cage, while the defensive corps of Matt Bourque, Adam Leetch, Jason Chelios, Joel Pronger and Norman Orr did an outstanding job controlling the play in their own end.

Saturday night the G.J. Burtch-Rexall Pee Wee Reps were in farm country taking on the Sunderland Red Wings. Farm boy hockey greats such as Bobby Hull and Wendal Clark showed awesome upper body strength from chucking bails of hay and the Red Wings came out chucking the Huskies around. The Highlanders showed determination and kept their noses to the grindstone and their efforts were rewarded. The Huskies notched one in the first, two in the second and two more in the third to cap the victory 5 - 1.

Matt Manary had one goal and one assist, with Jeremy Miscio, Joel Cooper, Adam Hutson and Mark Perry adding single goals. Brandon Logan and Joey Sisson picked up a helper each.

The Haliburton Pee Wee Reps' next home ice is their own tournament on January 9, 1999. Come on out and support the boys.

The entire team and staff would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday! Merry Christmas.

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
December 26 Saturday Vigil 7:00pm
December 27 Sunday Mass 8:30am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
(Holy Day of Obligation)
December 31, New Year's Eve 4:30 pm
January 1 New Year's Day 11:00am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
January 2 Saturday Vigil 7:00pm
January 3 Sunday Mass 8:30 am

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
January 9 Saturday Vigil 7:00pm
January 10 Sunday Mass 8:30am

Novice B Huskies win, lose, tie in tougher new loop

ELAINE SCHMID

Novice B Huskies

After the initial round the Husky Novice B have moved up a loop for some stiffer competition. Our opponents are now the Wilberforce Rockets, Mariposa Lightning and the Sunderland Wings.

The Huskies were flying high after winning the 'A' Championship at the Mariposa tournament. Travelling to Mariposa on Thursday evening, two players away due to illness, the Huskies came up with a tie. Lane "the train" Schmid was netminder for the Haliburton boys and made several stops. First period was scoreless as the play went end to end.

Halfway through the second, Mariposa got two quick goals. With forwards Cole Scheffee, Mac Trueman, Nelson Evans, Scott Griffin and Jesse Stoughton, and defence J.L. Frybort, Robert Lowes and Steven Miscio, the blue and white came back when Robert Lowes and Steven Miscio got the puck to Jesse who broke away from his shadow to deposit a beauty goal. Mariposa came back moments later to end the second period 3 - 1.

The Huskies, down but not out, came back with tremendous team work with assists going to Robert Lowes, Cole Scheffee and Nelson Evans, as Jesse netted two more to pull yet another hat trick. Final score 3 - 3.

Saturday, Dec. 19, the boys were in Sunderland to take on this team for the very first time. Still missing two boys, the Huskies worked their hearts out, but were unable to take this game from their very strong opponents. "Cujo" Nathan Woodcock, in net for the Huskies, made save after save but the Wings broke through our defence too many times. Our forwards could not get many shots away and their goaltender stopped most of them. However, the Huskies did net two beautiful goals as Mac Trueman waltzed by the Sunderland defence and Jesse Stoughton relayed a perfect pass to Cole Scheffee who knew just where it would fit.

Defencemen Robert Lowes, Lane Schmid and Scott Griffith worked diligently, and sent the puck out of our end on numerous occasions. Forwards Steven Miscio, Nelson Evans, Jesse Stoughton, Cole Scheffee and Mac Trueman played a strong game. Final score: 5 - 2 for Sunderland. Rumour has it this team has even beaten Wilberforce, who has a very strong team. So now we have two teams to beat before the season ends. Good work boys!

Sunday, Dec. 20 in Haliburton, the Huskies played host to the Bobcaygeon Cougars in exhibition action. Mighty Cole Scheffee was between the pipes for the home boys and earned himself a shutout. The Bobcaygeon team has definitely made some positive strides since previous games and managed to hold off the Husky scoring machine until the last minute of the first, when Jesse Stoughton worked his magic – netting a super goal.

With Robert Lowes, Lane Schmid and Nathan Woodcock on defence the Cougars were unable to break through our end very often.

Mac Trueman, on a terrific pass from Jesse Stoughton, notched up a point for the Huskies. The play was quite exciting as the Husky forwards Steven Miscio, Nelson Evans, Mac Trueman, Jesse Stoughton and Scott Griffith had some opportunities in the opponents' end.

The game ended with a 3 - 0 score for the Huskies. It was a well deserved win. Next game is in Wilberforce, Monday evening, as the Huskies try to dethrone the Rocket boys.

HALIBURTON NETS SHUT OUT:
Haliburton's Novice B Huskies hosted the Bobcaygeon Cougars Sunday afternoon and came out with a well-deserved win. Goalie Cole Scheffee earned a shut out in the 3-0 victory.

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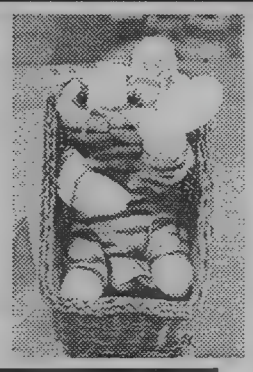

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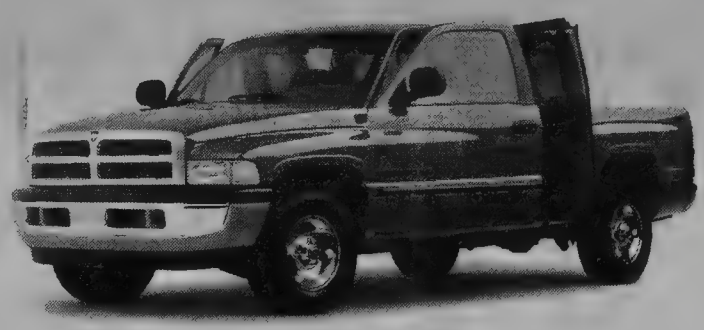

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OMHA Novice Huskies stop Ops in 6-4 win

LAURIE SMITH

OMHA Novice Huskies

On December 9, the OMHA Novice Huskies hosted Ops to capture another two points in their standings.

The Ops goalie didn't stand a chance against Devin Hunter as Devin earned a double hat trick. Dallyn Smith added two markers, as well. Great passing and good setups gave assists to Chase Thurston, Max Ambridge, Tyler Watson, Mitch Vasey and Curtis Barker.

Another highlight in this game included Ian Sachs playing superbly between the pipes with Ops scoring only a loner.

On December 12, the Huskies travelled to Minden. The last publicized standings indicated the Monarchs had immensely improved since playing the Huskies earlier this season in an exhibition game.

Fifteen seconds into the game, Tyler picked up on Devin's rebound to grab the Huskies' first goal. Before long, Minden managed a shot on the impressive Kyle Evans which flew over Kyle's shoulder and into the Husky net. The Huskies quickly answered back to take the lead once again.

Minden got the jump start in the second period to take a one-goal lead. However, Kenton Winn kept a keen eye to pass to the open forward and, before this period was over, Haliburton took back the one-goal lead.

In an attempt to tie the game, Minden made the typical play late in the third period by pulling their goalie. With twelve seconds left in the game, Adam DeCarlo cleared the puck out to Devin to score on the open net. Thus, Haliburton ensured the lead and won the game 6 - 4.

The next day, Woodville came to Haliburton to take on the Huskies and reclaim the points lost the week before. Fans witnessed end-to-end action throughout the game.

Each team captured one goal in the first and seconds periods. Early in the third period, the score was still at a draw. Then, midway through the third, Dallyn Smith set up Tyler Watson to take the lead. The Huskies continued to make grand plays with Devin Hunter assisting Ryan Scheffee's goal and Max Ambridge assisting Mitch Vasey. Final score: Haliburton 6, Woodville 3.

This past Friday, the OMHA Novice Huskies travelled to Cannington to challenge the Kings. This game exhibited more end-to-end, on-the-edge-of-your-seat performance.

The first period was goal for goal with Cannington playing catch-up. In the second period, the Huskies had several unsuccessful shots on their opponents. But, it was the Kings who dominated the period taking a three-goal lead.

Late in the third period, the Huskies came back to within one goal. Although Haliburton pulled their goalie in the last minute of the game, Cannington managed to maintain their lead winning the game 5 - 4 and ending the Huskies' winning streak.

Atom B Huskies score two weekend victories

DAM MacMILLAN

Atom B Huskies

This weekend the Robert Austin/Hockey Haven Atom B Huskies had a pair of games against two different teams from Mariposa.

In the first, on Saturday, in Little Britain, the Lightning came out flying and less than a minute in had Haliburton down 1 to 0.

The Huskies kept plugging until Connor MacMillan zipped one in from Dylan Metcalfe and Jamie Timbers. Twenty-eight seconds later, the Huskies grabbed the lead when Michel Leroux pounded one in from Kevin Crofts and Jenny Perrott.

Midway through the second, Mariposa tied it up. Late in the second, Dylan snatched the lead back from Haliburton from Jenny and Connor. The Huskies then settled into a defensive mode and didn't let the Lightning have any decent scoring chances. The end result was a hard fought 3 to 2 win for the Huskies.

In the home game on Sunday, the Huskies played host to the other entry from Mariposa. Early in the first, Dylan jumped on a Lightning give-away and made them pay giving Haliburton the lead. Early in the second, Connor scored on a pretty tic-tac-toe play from Dylan and Jeff Burk. Less than a minute later Mariposa made it 2 to 1. It stayed that way until midway through the third when Kevin scored from Michel.

Once again, our defensive specialists buckled down and stifled the Lightning offense. Adam Trueman was a master in net as he backstopped the Huskies to both wins. A very satisfying weekend with Haliburton picking up two more wins.

The Atom Bs' next home game is Dec. 27 at 4:15 p.m. in the "Dog House" against Mariposa.

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HCSA wins Club of the Year honours

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Myrlene Foster just got through her busiest time of year, working 10- to 12-hour days for a week and an half.

Although the work was demanding, it was not a tough job for the Stanhope resident. Not only does she love it, but she does it for free.

As one of the Haliburton County Snowmobiler Association's dozens of volunteers, Foster is one of the reasons why the HCSA was recently chosen Club of the Year by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs.

Her personal dedication as the HCSA's membership chairperson also earned her the distinction of being named the District Six Volunteer of the Year.

"It was a real thrill at the convention to hear my name read out," says Foster, who recently attended the North Bay event with other members of the HCSA.

It was a love of snowmobiling which got Foster and her husband Joe Johnson involved with the HCSA several years ago. Then, two years ago, when the club couldn't find anyone to volunteer for membership, she decided to put her hand up. "It was good for me," she says now. "At the age of 59 I learned how to use a computer....

"I enjoy doing it. It's a challenge."

HCSA president Steve Berry estimates that Foster's work saves the club about $7,000 a year, money that can be spent on improving trails. It's such volunteer spirit that he thinks caught the OFSC's eye when choosing the club of the year.

"That she does so much work for free is absolutely awesome," he says, also commending her for her efficiency and dependability. "I don't know why, but snowmobile people get this great volunteer spirit."

By having such a strong core of volunteers, the HCSA has been able to put more of its financial resources on the trails. This past year, the club spent $70,000 on the trails to augment the thousands of dollars of volunteer labour the volunteers seem to so willingly provide. (Over the past three weekends, Foster's husband, who works in the city, spent one day each weekend helping to clean up the trails in preparation for the arrival of snow.)

Good trails lead to good membership numbers (and more work for Foster, who processes each permit), and that's good for the OFSC, Berry says. A portion of each permit helps pay for the OFSC's initiatives.

There are 283 clubs in the OFSC, making the award even more an honour.

"We were really proud," says Berry, who recognizes that this year's success is also a reflection of the hard work that's gone into the local club for the past 27 years.

The HCSA maintains more than 850 kilometres of groomed trails, 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the winter season. Last year, more than 3,300 permits were purchased through the HCSA, making it one of the largest clubs.

PROUD ACHIEVEMENT: The HCSA was recently named Club of the Year by the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. Gladly receiving the accolades were, from left, Norm Gemmell, Larry Tupling, Wilma Gemmell, Joe Johnson, Marj Kennedy, Steve Berry, Peter Overington, Eileen Overington and Myrlene Foster.

OMHA Bantam Huskies drop Ops 5-1

On Dec.13, the Trillium Sheet Metal/Haliburton Lumber Bantam OMHA team travelled to Ops to beat them 5-1.

Scoring for the Huskies were Ryan Wood, Darren Kirkpatrick, Mark Hamilton, Adam Henry and Travis Bain with one goal each. Assists went to Jamie Doan, Ben Carpenter, Jamie Colliss, Adam Tomlinson, Ryan Wood, Darren Kirkpatrick and Adam Henry.

The Huskies played a home game in Minden on Saturday, December 19, against Fenelon Falls. In their two previous games, Fenelon won each by a three-goal margin. The Huskies have improved steadily in their last five games and fought hard to end up with a 2 - 2 tie.

Ryan Wood started the scoring in the first period when he was set up by Justin Walker. Just 32 seconds later Travis Bain put the Huskies up by two when he found the back of the net after being set up by Alex Ambridge and Ben Carpenter.

Fenelon came back to tie the game with one goal each in the second and third periods. Kent Greer and Jamie Doan played excellently to help keep Fenelon from scoring any more, and Phil Neville preserved the tie with an awesome save with only two seconds left in the game.

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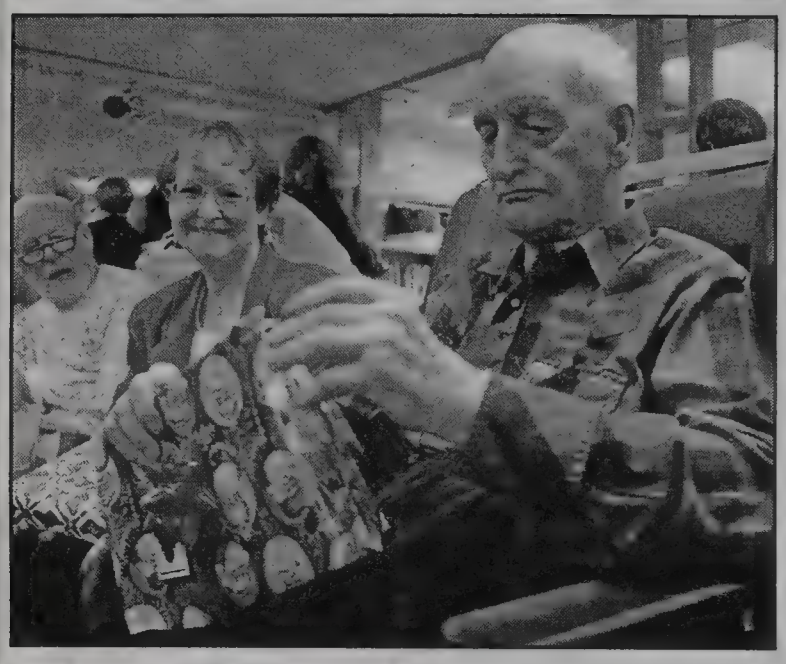

CHRISTMAS COMES TO EXTENDICARE

The spirit of Christmas arrived early at Extendicare last week as residents celebrated with their families and members of the community. Clockwise from above right, students from Terri Matthews' Dance Company delighted residents with their performances on Saturday; on Sunday Cecil Milligan opens a present from his daughter, Kay Hurst, while she looks on; and health-care aide Jessie Dovell and her 15-month-old granddaughter Courtney Crowe enjoy Christmas carols performed by the band In Harmony.

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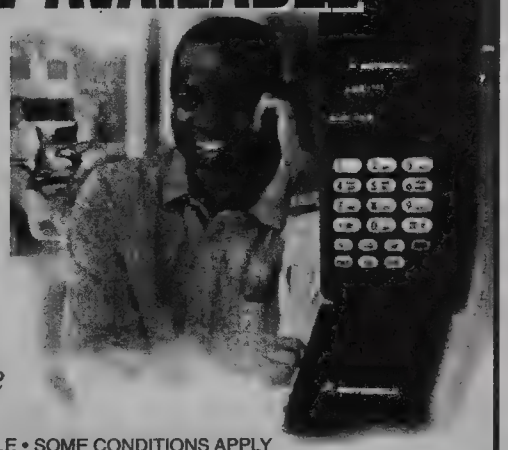

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Monmouth unhappy over banking hours

KERRY RILEY

Special to The Echo

The following are brief excerpts of discussions held during the December 14 Monmouth council meeting.

Several councillors were shocked to hear that the local Bank of Nova Scotia had posted plans to significantly reduce the hours during which it would offer teller services to its patrons.

As of January 1999, a teller will only be available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (extended to 6 pm. on Friday).

At the suggestion of Reeve Keith Tallman, council passed a resolution, directed to the bank, expressing disapproval of these plans.

Court plans advance

In response to council's letter of invitation, Brandy Elder, representing a group of Wilberforce youth hoping to erect a basketball court on the Lloyd Watson Centre grounds, updated the council on fundraising results, and presented them with a sketch of a proposed location, and size and cost specifications.

Estimated costs total $3,400. The students have raised $1,252 to date. Eighty percent of equipment (but not construction) costs may be recoverable through provincial Recreation Development funding, which Clerk/Treasurer Sharon Stoughton-Craig suggested the group pursue.

There was some expectation that council would then offer to back the project with money of its own. However, Reeve Tallman commented that while he had nothing against the township providing some funds for the project, he would like to see the students raise more, noting that few community youth had actually participated in the walk-a-thon organized to support the project.

He expressed reservations this initiative might turn into another "tennis court situation." The township had paid to have tennis facilities constructed, he said, and "nobody ever uses them."

Council did resolve to apply for Recreation Development funding for the group, to continue to support their efforts, and to donate arena time for a future fundraising skate-a-thon. It stopped short, however, of any specific financial commitment.

Recycling alternatives considered

The recent addition of charges, by Muskoka Containers, to remove recyclable cardboard from Monmouth's dump, led council to consider recycling alternatives. A visit to the community of South River, which, reportedly, profitably processes much of its own recyclables, was contemplated, to assess the feasibility of duplicating aspects of their system in Monmouth.

Policing charges still uncertain

In his role as County Policing Advisory Committee member, Deputy Reeve Rick Forget reported that costing formulas for policing may no longer be based on the promised provincial averages formula, but rather, revert to actual cost scenarios. This is not good news for Monmouth, he noted, because, taking into account travelling expenses, etc., actual costs will be higher here.

HOSPICE HELP:

Doug Johnston of the Kinsmen Club of Minden presents a donation of $2,000 to Judith Hayes and Linda May-Powers of SIRCH for its hospice program, which links people suffering from illness with volunteer companions.

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"I seemed to be protected by something," says Haliburton resident Al Blanchard, looking back on what happened after he landed in Normandy on D-Day, 1944. In several situations it was simply luck – or a guardian angel – which kept him alive while those around him died

A gift from a Guardian Angel

by Martha Perkins

Al Blanchard thought signing up was a good way to see the world "but I didn't want to see the world I saw"

IT WAS A GUARDIAN angel who gave Al Blanchard the best Christmas present he's ever had – diptheria.

"I've always believed I have a guardian angel," he says, 54 years after he survived a war that should have killed him and a disease that killed many a man who used to lie on an army hospital bed beside him. "I just felt protected, I don't know why."

On Christmas Eve, 1944, Mr. Blanchard began to feel a little tickle in his throat. He and fellow members of the 1st Canadian Scottish Regiment had just arrived in Nijmegen, just inside Holland near the German border. The city had been heavily bombed and the regiment's job was to patrol the bombed out "streets of basements."

It was a cold, wet job. "I always thought Holland was beautiful but don't try to live there in the winter; the damp just goes right through you," Mr. Blanchard says. "You couldn't make smoke so you could never get enough heat so it was colder than anything."

The next day, Christmas, their dreary task was lightened when they were told they could leave their post to enjoy a good old-fashioned Christmas dinner, complete with turkey.

"I've always had an appetite but here I was with a sore throat and I couldn't eat nothing," the 76-year-old Haliburton man recounts of that fateful day. "The only good meal of that year, and I can't eat it."

He had to go back on patrol that night and at midnight, he told his commanding officer about his increasingly sore throat. He was told to go to bed and visit the medical officer the next morning.

When he arrived at the makeshift hospital on Boxing Day, the MO looked at his throat and said, "'See here, you'll never fight again." Mr. Blanchard was shocked. "I thought what the hell's he talking about, I've only got a sore throat.

"He said, 'You've got diptheria and you'll be leaving on a train tonight.'

"The day before I was so anxious to have that Christmas meal, I'd said 'Oh geez, just your luck you can't eat it.' But that was the luckiest thing in my life."

Although he'd been overseas for only half a year, those six months had shown him enough for a lifetime. Anything which would put an end to his fighting days – except for an enemy mortar bomb – was a welcomed and blessed event.

Oh, how he had changed in those six months.

Born in 1923, he had grown up in Grimsby and then trained as a machinist, a job which exempted him from having to serve in World War II. His contribution to the war effort was working in a factory that supplied the air force, but soon it didn't seem a very satisfactory effort – for more reasons than one.

"All my chums kept coming

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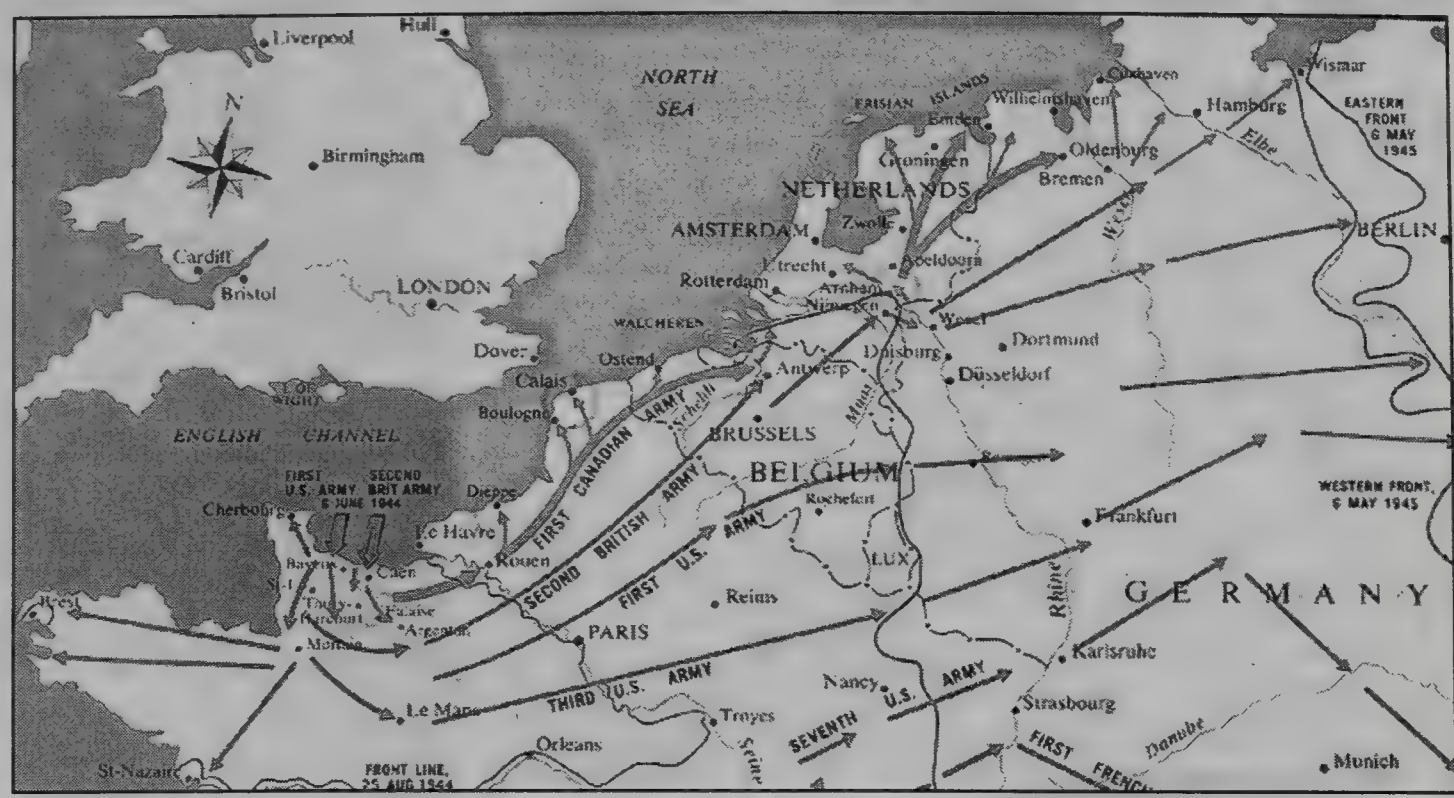
Age of innocence comes to an end on a Normandy beach



This map shows the route of the Allied advance following D-Day, 1944

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home in uniforms and they seemed to be having all the fun," he says, "and here was I, working 10 to 12 hours a day making parts for aircraft guns."

When he signed up for the army in 1943, he didn't know that Allied commanders were already planning a massive invasion of occupied France. They knew, but Mr. Blanchard didn't, that many men would die in the effort and have to be replaced. New soldiers such as Mr. Blanchard wouldn't be given much time for training; they were needed overseas as soon as possible.

That's why, on June 5, 1944, Mr. Blanchard found himself on a ship in the Atlantic Ocean, heading towards Normandy and about to get his first real exposure to war. Looking out from the ship's deck that night, he couldn't help but be impressed by the panarama of ships, silently making its way across the water.

Impressed and not just a little naive. Never having fought before, he thought he could take along a guitar he'd just purchased and stick it on a truck somewhere for safe keeping once they got on shore.

How could he have thought he'd be able to keep track of a guitar, when he knew his regiment's job was to replace the men who would land on the beach as part of the first wave of attack and be killed instantly?

"A lot of the older soldiers were hardened to it; we new ones didn't know what was coming up....

"I certainly changed my mind about war in those particular days," he says, his customary smile having lost the battle to light up his face. "All the glamour had gone out of it, but there was nothing you could do about it...

"I know what cattle feel like when they go to be slaughtered, I tell you."

Holding the beach wasn't easy because the Germans were so well entrenched and heavily armed. That first night after landing, his job was to act as "a personal bodyguard for tanks so no one could come and throw a grenade into them."

To fool the Germans into believing there were more Allied soldiers than there were, the tanks kept going back and forth along the beach, trying to make it look like a huge convoy of vehicles. Luckily for Mr. Blanchard, he spent his first night of real war without any mishaps, although he did lose his guitar.

For the next few days, the soldiers were stationed around an airport and even though they could see the German soldiers, they were told not to shoot. "If you fired at a German they'd send back enough mortar to kill 15 of our guys," Mr. Blanchard says.

Eventually they moved onto Caen, which had just been deserted by the Germans. Unfortunately, no one was able to tell that to the American and British planes which, while maintaining radio silence, were dropping bombs over the French city. "I can remember looking up at these bomber planes and seeing those bomb doors open and you thought the bombs would drop on you. We lost half of our section. There was no where to go, just open fields."

It was one of those fields that Mr. Blanchard and three fellow soldiers had to cross a few days later. By this time, he'd become friends with the men, having lived through some harrowing days with them. They were all crossing the field and heading towards an oak tree in the middle, when in the corner of his eye, Mr. Blanchard spotted a discarded German sniper rifle.

"I knew I shouldn't have, but something made me want to take a look at it," he says, his voice getting quieter, his face already beginning to give a hint of the tragic end of the story. "I never owned a good gun in my life and I was never even interested in them, but something told me, 'just go over and look at it.'

"I walked 10, 15 feet towards the gun and the other three guys walked under that tree and bang, they were gone. When a mortar bomb hits a tree, the

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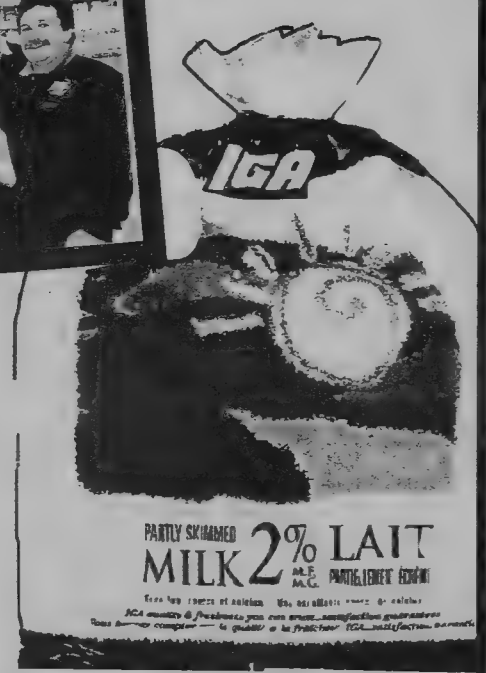

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Diptheria provides a welcome relief from war

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shrapnel comes down like rain. They didn't have a chance.

"It was awful to experience it. After that, I was too scared to get close to people because that really hurt. People were coming and going so you didn't get too close to them. You've got to be compatable, but I just couldn't go the extra step with people... You have to be connected but you hold yourself back."

Instead, he formed a friendship with his shovel. "In the infantry," he explains, "my shovel was my most important tool, not my rifle. Whenever we stopped for five minues, I'd start digging a hole, about 12 inches deep and the length of my body so if a mortar bomb hit, I could get under ground level; then you're as safe as you're going to be unless it was a direct hit."

But his guardian angel wasn't through with him yet.

After leaving Caen, his regiment started heading up the coast, their goal to liberate Calais. "The Germans had bulldozed holes into the wheat fields and backed their tanks in so you couldn't see them. Our job was to find them.

"I remember one early morning, when the sun was coming up over the field. A German fighter plane came over a hedge and our corporal said 'fan out, then he can't get us all.' There was no place to go. I could see the plane start to bank and just then, a Spitfire arrived and shot it down and we were standing out there watching, even though we could have been killed by the Spitfire, too.

"It was just pure luck. That Spitfire shouldn't have been there. I seemed to be protected by something. Anyplace I'd been I should have been killed but I wasn't."

Diptheria might be bad, but the drugs the doctors then used to fight it were toxic enough to kill a man, too.

It was music that brought Mr. Blanchard, right, to the Highlands after the war, and hockey which made him stay long enough to meet his wife and start a family of his own

On Boxing Day, 1944, when the doctor told Mr. Blanchard he had diptheria, he also told him not to move because too much movement would pulse the medication too quickly through his body, causing blindness or death if it hit his heart and made it race. (Mr. Blanchard says there might be a more scientific explanation, but this is the way it was told to him.)

"I wasn't allowed to move a muscle; the nurses had to do everything for you. But I'd been lying in those damn holes for six months so I just lay there and let them do whatever they wanted," he smiles.

Then his face turns serious again as one happy memory leads to a sad one. "I know a lot of guys would feel pretty good and they'd sneak out of the hospital to go to a bar or something. They'd end up blind or crippled or dead."

A very obedient Mr. Blanchard was shipped to a hospital in Belgium where he stayed until being flown to England in the spring of 1945. He remembers flying over the white cliffs of Dover, the poignant beauty of the scene reminding him yet again that he must surely have a guardian angel guiding his journey.

Now as anyone who knows him today can tell you, Mr. Blanchard can never be long without music. "I couldn't live without it," he says. So once in England, it wasn't long before he bought another guitar to replace the one that had been "misplaced" on the beaches of Normandy. Thus fully equipped, he was prepared for the festivities which took place in London on V-E Day. "There were bonfires everywhere and people singing. It was a beautiful sight. These people had been under pressure for a long time. There I was in London, picking on that old guitar on V-E night. Oh, what a place."

It wasn't long after that that Mr. Blanchard was on the Queen Elizabeth heading back to Canada, a very different man than the one who had first crossed the Atlantic.

"I had wanted to see the world, but I didn't want to see the one I saw," he says quietly.

The next summer he and friend from the war started a band and took their show on the road to the lodges in Haliburton. The friend left after his London war bride arrived in the village and wasn't exactly enamoured by what she saw, but Mr. Blanchard stayed to tidy up the loose debts they'd incurred. Winter set in, he tried out for the hockey team, got accepted...

One marriage and three children later, he's still here.

As a father, Al Blanchard always hoped he could make Christmas special for his children, but in his heart of hearts, he's not quite sure he could even try to muster the type of gift that only guardian angels can give. Not that in today's peaceful times he'd ever want to give them diptheria...

He smiles.

Julie Gray
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A very special thank you to all the wonderful clients, customers & colleagues who have made 1998 a very enjoyable year. Each year I am blessed with many new friendships and great memories.

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$650,000 worth of prepared marijuana seized

An investigation by the Central Region Crime Unite and Minden/Coboconk detachment resulted in the arrest of two persons for trafficking and possession for the purpose of trafficking, and the seizure of an estimated $650,000 worth of prepared marijuana. The seizure took place at a residence in the Haliburton area on December 11 and the arrest occurred in Barrie on December 14.

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Bomb threat

On December 10 at about 3:07 p.m., Const. Orlowski investigated a bomb threat at J. D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. A 14-year-old female is charged with intimidation; False Alarm of Fire; Mischief and Public Mischief, and is scheduled to appear in Youth Court on February 16.

Assault

On December 15, Const. Spence investigated an assault at a residence near Haliburton. As a result a 38-year-old Dysart woman is charged with Mischief; Assault and Obstruct Peace Officer. She was arrested and later released to appear in Minden Court on January 6. A 35-year-old Dysart man was also arrested for Assault Bodily Harm. He was held for a bail hearing at Lindsay Court on December 17. The results of that hearing are not known at detachment.

On December 14, Const. McMaster investigated assault complaints which allegedly took place over the past seven months. As a result a 32-year-old Haliburton man was arrested and charged with four counts of Assault, Break and Enter and Criminal Harrassment. He was released at a bail hearing on December 16.

Break and enter

On December 19, Const. Size investigated an entry at a residence on Buller Rd. near Norland. Stolen from the house is a Panasonic CD player, a gold ring with three stones, a gold chain with two charms, a men's gold band and a Timex watch.

On December 12, Const. Crowe-Fiorini investigated an entry at a cottage on Boshkung Lake. Stolen is a Coleman 5,000 watt generator, 2 circular saws, Coleman heater and several hand tools.

On December 19, Const. Collings investigated an entry at a cottage on Beechmere Rd. near Carnarvon. Stolen is a 1994 9.9 h.p. Evinrude motor.

On the same day, Const. Collings also investigated an entry at a cottage on Boshkung Lake. Stolen is a Kodiak power washer, 2 pair of Tubb snowshoes, a Bosh 8-1/4" circular saw, Mastercraft 16" chain saw, Makita 3/8" drill, Home Hardware 12 volt winch and a 14' aluminum step ladder.

On December 15, Const. Manuge investigated an entry to a cottage on Peach Lake near Halls Lake. Stolen is an electric drill, hand tools and a blanket.

On the same day, Const. Manuge also investigated an entry, to a fish hut, at a cottage, on Blue Hawk Lake near Haliburton. Stolen from the hut is a Honda generator.

On December 16, Const. Ladurantaye investigated an entry at a cottage on Highway 35 at Halls Lake. Stolen from inside is a Pioneer CD player, Pioneer stereo receiver and a pair of field glasses.

On December 19, Const. Bennett investigated an entry to a cottage on Haliburton Lake near Fort Irwin. Stolen from the cottage is a Star Choice satellite receiver and a case of beer.

On December 14, Const. Manuge investigated the theft of a 1995 Yamaha Big Bear ATV from the Ox Narrows Lodge north of Carnarvon. It has Ontario licence PR604 attached to it.

On Dec. 8, Const. Arseneault investigated five entries to cottages on Crystal Lake Rd. south of Kinmount. Entry was gained to each either by forcing open a door or a window. Stolen property from these cottages includes a 9 h.p. Mercury motor, Bushnell telescope, a TV and a VCR.

On Dec. 12, Const. Connolly investigated an entry to a cottage on Eastview Dr. at Crystal Lake. Entry was gained by forcing open a window and a 25" Zenith TV was stolen from inside.

Theft

On Dec. 5, Const. Trepanier investigated the theft of a commercial riding lawn mower from a shed at a residence on Blairhampton Rd., near Minden. The mower is a Walker brand, yellow and green. It is valued at $4,000.

RIDE

During the second week of the festive RIDE program, Minden/Coboconk detachment members, along with the Central Region RIDE Unit, conducted spot checks in a number of different locations. At these spot checks, 239 vehicles were checked which resulted in two impaired drivers being charged and three other drivers receiving 12-hour licence suspensions.

On December 12 at 9:50 a.m., Const. Neville stopped a vehicle on County Rd. 121, near Haliburton. A 44-year-old Haliburton man was arrested and is charged with Impaired Operation and Operate a Motor Vehicle with more than 80 mgs. of alcohol.

Theft of vehicles

On Dec. 13, a 1992 Dodge van was stolen from a parking lot just north of Haliburton. The vehicle was recovered, at about 12:30 a.m., at County Rd. 121 and 49, south of Kinmount. The vehicle had been stripped and burnt at that location.

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Murray Scott's hunting diary explores a beloved way of life

Two weeks ago, Eagle Lake writer Ruth Still interviewed 76-year-old Murray Scott in preparation for the book on local seniors' memories of times past. Mr. Scott died suddenly on December 13, and with the permission of his wife Cecilia, we thought this was a perfect tribute to a man who loved the Highlands' outdoors and the family traditions passed down from generation to generation. God rest his soul.

by RUTH STILL
Seniors Today

MURRAY SCOTT lived with his wife Cecilia in a snug home on the north shore of Grass Lake in West Guilford. Across the lake he could see where his mother was born.

He was a mild-mannered man, a woodsman one instinctively likes. In his neat shop at the rear of his house he made beautiful paddles, unique canes, even a shoulder yoke to carry a canoe over a portage, all from local woods: maple, black cherry, ironwood, ash.

When I decided that the first memoir of the proposed book for International Year of Older Persons should be about 'Deer Hunting' (obviously, considering the kerfuffle I caused), Murray was the recommended source. His first words left me in no doubt: "I will not condemn the deer hunt!"

For 118 pages of his closely-typed diary, spanning 50 years, the deer succumb to the bullet, are traced by a trail of blood and despatched, or escaped Scot free. It is a contest between man and nature, the deer is the quarry, the hound a means to an end.

Each November the exciting drama of the hunt is played out again with challenging variations – the weather conditions, different men, different dogs.

I must admit that after reading the first 50 pages I felt as if I'd had a trip through a charnel house. Gradually I became desensitized to "killed, shot through the spine, broke his leg first shot," and so on, page after page.

The following excerpt typifies his diary.

1987 - Murray's 50th hunt. The hunt for the year is over and they are breaking camp – "We decided we would get everything fixed up for winter. Les wanted to go to the back and come through and Billy would watch the Mink Lake Portage. I'll be darned about 3 o'clock we heard three shots and darned if Billy hadn't killed a big doe, hit her every shot, did a real job with my old 30 Remington I had carried for forty-seven years, so we finally had some luck run with us. (Proud grandpa, eh?)."

And this is the hunting fraternity perpetuated!

I hope that senior readers are at the least thinking of that memorable occasion in their life.

Any book of memoirs eligible for grant must be completed and published in 1999. Any contributions should be in by June.

Murray Scott, who passed away on December 13, loved the Highlands' outdoors, especially during November's deer hunting season, when he and his dogs, left, would head for the woods. In the photo above, a young Murray befriends a stray fawn. Local seniors are being asked to write down their memories of their youth for a special project to be produced next year.

Memoir writing course will help those who plan to contribute to IYOP project

by RUTH STILL
Seniors Today

Another Christmas, another year ending, surprised that we're still here and in pretty good health and still with things for which to live.

Some of us out there with family at a distance or no family, would welcome your contact and you would reap a wonderful glow of reward.

This highlight of the year, Christmas, is a time to dredge up memories of childhood – wonderful material for our 1999 book of memoirs.

Plans for a Memoir Writing course in Haliburton, probably the first week of March, have yet to be finalized we hope in early January.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS:
Instead of sending out Christmas cards, Financial Concept's Gord Schakelaar, right, and Greg Bishop, second from left, told their clients they'd spread the Christmas cheer by making a $500 donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Accepting the glad tidings on behalf of the Foundation are board members Don Popple, left, and Dale Walker, second from right.

Protocol theft leaves teens music-less

The sound of silence is getting unbearable for young people who like to hang out at Minden's youth drop-in centre.

Some time between November 25 and December 3, the expensive stereo system teens worked hard to buy was stolen from Protocol, said Greg Shantz of Haliburton County Family Services.

"There was no forced entry to the building. It appears somebody went it with a key," he said.

Many people from various groups that use the drop-in centre have keys to open the building. The centre was already planning to change its locks to a system with keys that can't be duplicated when the theft occurred, said Shantz.

Youths held a car wash and other fundraisers to buy the expensive Kenwood CD player, amplified and receiver.

"The kids were so crushed when they went in there December 10 and found it was gone," said Shantz.

Minden OPP are investigating the theft.

Seniors Club luncheon now attracts 70 to its annual Christmas dinner

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May this holy holiday season be enjoyed by all. Blessings and best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.

A happy Christmas birthday to Len Whitworth on December 25. Happy birthday also to Rebecca Mead, Christina DeBoer, Kyle Chatelain, Travis Scott, Doug Rodgers, and Nancy Morley.

Paul and Nancy Morley celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on December 27. We wish them many more years of happiness together.

The shortest day of the year has just passed us. Thank you, thank you. We don't really like the long dark evenings or getting up to blackened windows. However, we are over the hump and can look forward to brighter times ahead with lots of sunshine.

We wish the best for all shut-ins, those who are unfortunate enough to be ill at Christmas time. May good health soon be yours.

A special wish for future good health to Johnny Walker. Johnny has been in the Sudbury Heart Centre having surgery and is now recuperating at home. We send best wishes to John and Peggy.

The Dorset Senior Club had their annual Christmas dinner last week and it was a great party, with between 65 to 70 members and guests attending. The food was delicious and plentiful. Santa arrived with gifts for everyone. There were a number of out-of-town guests present. At the head of the table, along with the club executive, were Bruce Fulford and his wife Diane, Bruce is the Deputy Mayor of the Township of Lake of Bays, and Roy Kerr, representative of Zone 13 and his wife Jean. Also present were Fred and Pat Promoli, former residents and club members, who now reside in Guelph and Len and Audrey Whitworth, who have a summer home on Long Lake but reside in Toronto.

The club originated in the fall of 1977 with 18 to 20 ambitious members. Sorry to report there are only four of the original members with us. They are Ralph Raven, Bas and Lorraine Weatherell and Phyllis Briscoe. The four were present at the 1998 dinner and remember the first Christmas dinner they celebrated, which, of course, was much smaller in numbers but just as festive. The club has grown many times the original numbers but the tradition of the Christmas dinner has been carried on.

These big dinners are a work of love and labour, mostly labour. Marlene Clarke, the social convenor, deserves a gold medal for her hard work and organization of the meal. Also her helpers, I hesitate to mention names, as I am sure to leave someone out.

Be careful of the words you use and make them soft and sweet. You never know from day to day, which ones you'll have to eat.

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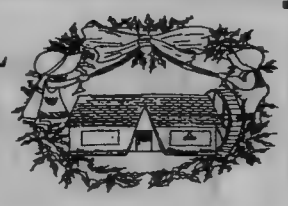

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With the help of Jennifer Wasmund of the health unit's speech therapy phone line, three-year-old Nichole Honderich of Wilberforce picks out the books she won as part of the phone line's promotion. The books were donated by Masters Book Store in Haliburton.

Nichole Honderick, age 3, was the recent winner in Haliburton County selected as a result of his mother calling the Preschool Speech and Language Phone Line.

The 1-800 phone line was set-up for parents concerned about their child's speech and language development.

Nichole received a gift certificate for books donated by Masters Bookstore in Haliburton. Winners were also selected from Victoria, Northumberland and Peterborough Counties.

The phone line was set up by the HKPR District Preschool Speech and Language System following an injection of $357,000 earlier this year by the Ontario government. The funding was in response to the need to expand services in order to aid in the early identification of communication disorders among preschoolers.

"The key is early identification and treatment. Parents sometimes make the mistake of listening to well-meaning friends or relatives who say, 'Don't worry, your child will grow out of it," said Julie Anne West, Speech-Language Pathologist for the HKPR District Health Unit. "Receiving help at an early age can significantly improve a child's chances for success in school and life in general."

As a speech-Language pathologist, West says that learning to communicate is the most important skill that young children must learn and that it is important to encourage language development at an early age. This can be accomplished by stimulating conversations, playing interactive games, singing songs, and looking at and reading books with preschoolers. "Parents can often get caught up in their busy daily lives, missing terrific 'teachable moments' and opportunities for their children to learn."

West wants to encourage parents of preschoolers, who may be concerned about their child's speech, to call the phone line to have their child screened. Seventy percent (70%) of communication problems in children are not identified until after a child is five years of age – sometimes when it is too late.

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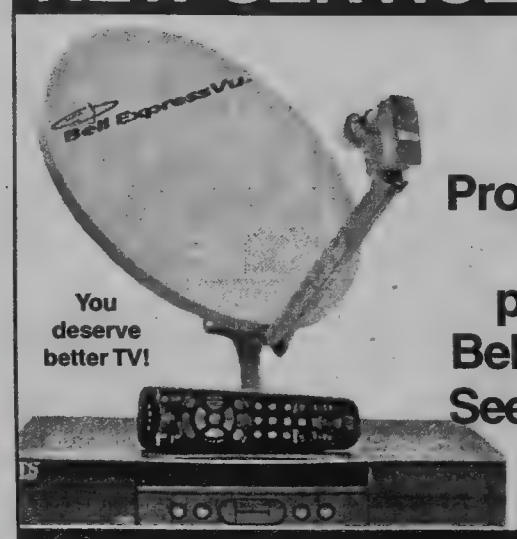

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Over the last few days we have enjoyed many things. Our tea party last Thursday (10th) was much enjoyed. The ladies from the Allsaw Gospel hosted, brought some yummy goodies and also provided us with some lovely gospel music.

The following afternoon, at happy hour, the Northern Jam were with us. We had a good crowd attend and all reported a great time.

Saturday was a fairly quiet day, with just a few callers. However, on Sunday, a special visitor arrived. Marion Chinery Jr. was here. He came to visit his grandma, Marion Chinery, in the arms of his father. Mom came too. This is the first child of Marion's son, but is the seventh grandchild. What a proud and happy group they were. Congratulations.

"A Joyful Noise" were here Sunday evening and provided us with such lovely music. We thank them for coming.

We very much enjoyed the music of Bert Bonnell on Monday. It is just great that even at this busy time of the year, our entertainers still find time for us. Thank you.

Rev. Everall joined us at our Tuesday chapel service. That afternoon we were delighted to have the senior Kindergarten class from Archie Stouffer school join us. There were about fifty children along with Mrs. Reid. They were absolutely delightful. They sang some Christmas songs and then shared some goodies with us. We want to thank them for coming and providing us with such a lovely afternoon. They were so well behaved. It was a real treat to have them visit us.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mary Cassidy on Tuesday, December 15. Our sympathy to her family and friends.

The Minden Bible Church were here Wednesday night and what a great time we had. Rev. Wicks was MC and his wife, Pat, played the piano. It was an evening filled with Christmas carols and some special musical numbers. Special mention goes to young Kyle Burley, who performed a flute solo consisting of two carols. He is a very talented young man. After all this wonderful music we were served a lovely lunch by the ladies of the Minden Bible Church. All in all, a great evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We thank you.

Thursday, the ladies of the Hyland Crest Auxiliary invited us to a Christmas party. This group has always been very generous to us and we want them to know how much we appreciate them. The Pickards provided the entertainment.

Over the next couple of weeks there are many special events that have been planned. Our Christmas lights tour, our Christmas Eve party with the Grandfathers, our special Christmas dinner, a New Year's bash with the Grandfathers. Of course, there will be residents who go home for this special holiday, but quite a few of us stay here and look forward to family and friends visiting.

This will be our last column of 1998 due to the Christmas and New Year holiday season, so we need to spend a few minutes and send out these messages.

We send our get well wishes to all who are under the weather right now, residents and staff. Get well soon, including Lillian Harrison who is in hospital.

Birthday wishes to the rest of our December birthdays: Louise Bishop, December 21, Mildred Gartshore, December 23, and Nellie Ranson, December 26.

Special congratulations go to Walter and Vera Stevens who celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary on December 23.

We will be welcoming a new resident shortly, Jean McDonald from Minden. We look forward to having her join us here.

Because we won't be chatting with you until well into the new year, here are some January birthdays: Iris Fratalocchi, January 1, Henry Howe, January 3, and Lillian Harrison, January 7.

Quite a few of us will be remembering Alice Todd on January 9. That would have been her birthday. She is missed.

Well, that's just about all our news. Now it is time to send our Christmas wishes to you all, including all members of staff and our volunteers. May you have a safe and happy holiday. Last, but not least, our thanks to our local papers, *The Minden Times* and *The Haliburton County Echo* for allowing us our weekly column and coverage of special events throughout the year.

Look for us January 11, we will be chatting with you then. In the meantime, there is only this to say: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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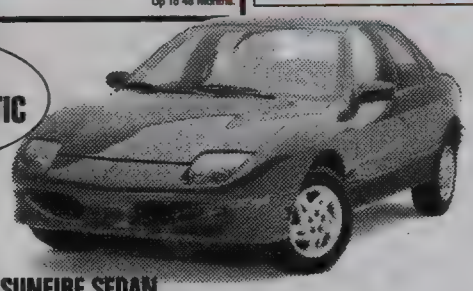

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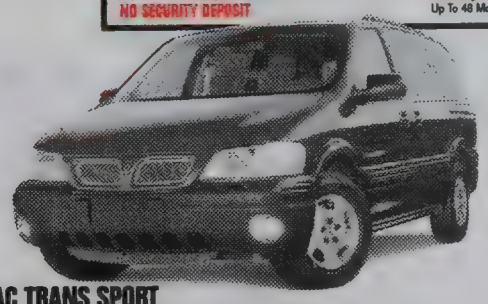

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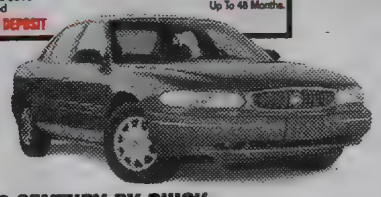

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PONTIAC BUICK GMC

On Friday, the Grade 2 students at Victoria Street School walked over to the Haliburton United Church to present a morning filled with song and laughter. In the audience, families and the visiting kindergarten students responded with smiles of their own. At bottom right, the staff take their turn at entertaining the crowd

Photos by

MARTHA PERKINS

Skis found under the tree can be put to good use

eagle lake news

rhubarb patch

Ruth Still
754-2602

At last the ground is covered with snow as of last Thursday evening. Take heart skiers.

Snow-making at Sir Sam's Ski Hill proceeds apace. The week before Christmas there'll be enough slopes open to provide ski-fix for all the kids. By Boxing Day or the day after Christmas all slopes will be open for the ski season – providing the weather will cooperate and stay below zero.

On Sunday, December 13, at the Haliburton Curling Club, Eagle Lake's Search and Rescue group had their annual appreciation dinner for their benefactors: Haliburton Subway Restaurant, Vista Signs and the Eagle Lake Women and spouses. The OPP liaison between the municipality needing the search and rescue effort and the providers of the service from Eagle Lake, were represented. This dinner has become a pleasant annual occasion, this year it was followed by curling.

A church pot luck supper was held at the West Guilford Centre on Saturday, December 12 to note the final weeks that Paul and Linda will be with our congregation as our pastor and his wife.

There was music by the choir, wit and humour (Linda's epic poem) and group acting by the children to demonstrate the difference to the world that Christ's coming meant.

In this season of rampant commercialism and the hard sell it is easy to forget the true meaning of Christmas and of life and it's fleeting nature.

Three weeks ago I met and interviewed Murray Scott about the deer hunt. We chatted of other things with which I could better identify: fine local woods, good dogs, the beauty and serenity of this area. I invited myself to join him and Cecilia on their deck some evening next summer and enjoy the tranquillity of Grass Lake. I thought, "A happy man, he'll life to be 90." The sudden death of my new friend has left me visibly shaken.

The annual Christmas Eve service at the Eagle Lake Church, 7:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. promises something different this year. The traditional carol "Silent Night", will be sung in the world's four greatest languages: English, French, German and Spanish, led by our Estonian born members the Schemes and their family. In his 91st year Eric's powerful bass will give the German rendition. Audience participation is requested so do join us.

And a Merry Christmas to all.

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The children from Gooderham School delighted their parents and friends with their annual Christmas concert on Thursday night at the community centre. The skits and songs brought the magic of the season to life

Try this delicious carrot pudding, a Fawcett family tradition

by BARB FAWCETT

1 cup grated carrot
1 cup grated potato
1 cup grated apple
1 cup chopped suet
1-1/2 cup all purpose flour
1 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. nutmeg
1 cup raisins
1 cup currants
1/4 cup nuts (almonds, pecans, walnuts, etc.)
3/4 cup mixed fruit
3/4 cup peel
1 cup red cherries
1 cup green cherries

Wash raisins and currants. Drain to dry. Combine flour, sugar, soda, salt and spices in a large bowl. Stir in grated carrot, potato, apple and suet. Add remaining ingredients and mix well.

Thoroughly grease a two-quart casserole. Spoon mixture into dish. Cover with waxed paper, then tin foil, and tie tightly. Steam for four hours.

May be kept in the refrigerator for a few days or store in the freezer.

To serve: steam (thawed) pudding for 1-1/2 hours or until pudding is completely heated.

Serve with Brown Sugar Sauce:

1 cup brown sugar
2 tbsp. cornstarch
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
2 cups hot water
1 tbsp. lemon juice
2 - 3 tbsp. butter
1 tsp. vanilla or run flavouring or 1 - 2 tbsp. brandy or rum

Measure sugar, cornstarch, salt and nutmeg directly into a heavy saucepan. Mix well. Add hot water and stir. Cook over medium heat, stirring until sauce is thickened and clear. Continue cooking while stirring until starch is cooked. Remove from heat, add lemon juice, butter and flavouring. Serve hot.

County of Haliburton

NOTICE TO SNOWMOBILE OPERATORS

The County of Haliburton has enacted By-law 2298 which provides that no person shall operate a motorized snow vehicle on the following County Roads, except to cross:

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter M45, Section 297 and Section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Township of Glamorgan proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Gooderham, Ontario on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1999, at 7:00p.m. a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

FIRSTLY: Part of Lot 16, Concession 14, designated as Road Allowance on Crown Land surveys attached to Instrument Nos. 16420, 15590, 1628 and 1629, Township of Glamorgan, Country of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively on a Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S. dated October 30, 1998.

SECONDLY: Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in Front of Lot 16, Concession 14, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (Part 10, being the flooded portion, will be retained by the Township of Glamorgan) on a Plan of Survey made by Paul Wilson, O.L.S. dated October 30, 1998.

The Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan offices, Gooderham, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Township of Glamorgan shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at Gooderham, Ontario this 8th day of December, 1998.

GLEN MADILL,
CLERK-TREASURER

Kindly and humourous, Murray Scott will be missed by all who knew him

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

The whole community is mourning the loss of Murray Scott who died very suddenly on December 13 while he was at worship at St. Anthony's Church with his wife, Cecilia. The grief will be felt keenly by all of his family, children, Sandra and Randy, and grandchildren, by his sister, Wilda LaRue and brother, Ray Scott.

All of us will feel the loss of a kindly and humorous man who loved the ways of the bush and enjoyed it in every season. This love was shared with Cecilia whose affection and support was a joy to all who knew them.

Our sympathy and prayers will be with the family over the next hard weeks and months.

More pot lucks! The Farmers Association held their December meeting in the form of a supper on the 11th of December at the Centre. It was followed with the fun of a Chinese auction.

The United Church at Maple Lake held their congregational annual turkey supper on December 12 at the initiative of the Marshalls. Mrs. Marshall Sr. is in Peterborough hospital just as of last weekend.

Congratulations to Jim Cooper on being the recipient of Stanhope's Citizen of the Year award, a well deserved honour from his community.

Tuesday, December 15, the euchre night at the Centre was centred around a Christmas party because of the time of year.

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- Heart and Stroke Association ***Walk for Your Heart,*** Monday - Friday, 7:15 - 8:00 a.m. HHSS. Everyone welcome.
- Every Thursday at 12 noon, the ***Haliburton Highlands Senior Citizens Club*** meets for lunch at the Haliburton Legion, $3.50 each.
- ***Haliburton Highlands Twirlers Square Dance*** weekly, Thursdays 7 - 9:30 p.m. at HHSS. Mainstream teach, plus dancing. Beginners basic to start in January.
- Dec. 24: ***Duplicate Bridge,*** 1 p.m., at Home Support and every Thursday. Partner required. 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.
- Dec. 24: ***Eagle Lake Community Church Christmas Eve Services,*** 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
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- Dec. 30: ***Wheels to Meals,*** 12 noon, Kei's Haliburton. Further information, 457-2941 or 1-800-567-2941.
- Jan. 13: Join ***Wheels to Meals*** at Haliburton Kei's, 12 noon. Reservations required. Home Support, 457-2941.
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HALIBURTON LEGION BINGO

RESUMES JANUARY 13

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Bingo Committee

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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
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9:00 p.m.
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CA

Joan & John Middleton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter
Jean-Anne
to
Robert
son of
Glenda & Michael Bryson
The wedding to take place in Haliburton on September 11, 1999

709 IN MEMORIAM

BARNUM, OLIVER – In loving memory of our dear father and grandfather who passed away December 22, 1973.
No length of time, no lapse of years,
Can dim our dear one's past,
For loving thoughts still hold him dear,
And will while memory lasts.
Always remembered by **Betty, Randy, Gloria, Courtney, Kelsey.**

CRAFTCHICK, ROBERT – In memory of our dear brother and uncle, Robert Craftchick, who was called away suddenly on December 27, 1997.
Words cannot express the sorrow in our hearts,
We were family by chance, but friends by choice,
And though one year has come and gone,
Since you were called away,
We still long to hear your voice,
And miss you every day.
Deeply loved and missed by **Cathy, Peter, Cheyenne and little Pete.**

709 IN MEMORIAM

CRAFTCHICK – In loving memory of my son Bobby (The Rig) Craftchick:
In a quiet country graveyard,
Where gentle breezes blow,
Lies the one we loved so dearly,
Whom we lost one year ago.
Your resting-place we visit,
Place flowers there with care,
But no one knows the heartache,
As we turn and leave you there.
Forever in our hearts,
Until we meet again.
Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by **Mom, brother Rick, his wife Tracy, and little brothers Ronnie and Jamie.**

CRAFTCHICK, ROBERT – In memory of my Uncle Bob, who passed away suddenly on December 27, 1997.
Uncle Bob helped me,
Uncle Bob was fun,
He let me pet his iguana,
He shared, he cared, and he gave,
He was nice,
He loved me and he still does.
Deeply loved and missed by **Cheyenne.**

JOHNSON, EDITH – In loving memory of a very dear Grama and Great -Grama who left us on December 25, 1994.
If roses grow in heaven Lord,
Then pick a bunch for us,
And place them in our Grama's arms
And tell her they are from us.
Sadly missed and fondly remembered by **Patti, Ryan, Cole, Kim, Rick, Angela and Tony.**

JOHNSON, EDITH – In loving memory of a very dear Mom and Grandma who left us December 25, 1994.
As time unfolds another year
Memories keep you ever near
Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that will last forever.
Forever loved and remembered, **Vicky, Rob, Justin and Alyssa.**

JOHNSON, EDITH – In loving memory of my dear Mother who passed away on December 25, 1994.
As angels keep their watch up there
Please God, just let her know
That we down here did not forget
We love and miss her so.
Always loved and remembered by **Darlene.**

JOHNSON, EDITH – In loving memory of a dear wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who left us December 25, 1994.
We cannot have old days back
When we were all together
But secret tears and loving thoughts
Will be with us forever.
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KIRKPATRICK, THOMAS ROYCE – In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away on December 23, 1997.
Those whom we love go out of sight,
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They are cherished in the hearts
Of those they leave behind.
Loving and kind in all his ways,
Upright and just to the end of his days;
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the Estate of
FRANCIS JAMES "FRANK" LITTLE,
deceased.
All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of FRANCIS JAMES "FRANK" LITTLE, late of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 15th day of October, 1998, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 15th day of January, 1999.
AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Executor for the Estate being Thomas James Little, shall have notice.
DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 27th day of November, 1998 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. Solicitors for the Executor of the Estate of FRANCIS JAMES "FRANK" LITTLE.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the Estate of
CLAYTON MAXWELL HARRISON,
deceased.
All persons having claims against the Estate of Clayton Maxwell Harrison, late of the Township of Snowdon, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 7th day of July, 1998, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of January, 1999, after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
DATED at Minden, Ontario this 11th day of December, 1998 by **DONALD J. FINN, Barrister & Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0**, Solicitor for the Executrix of the Estate of Clayton Maxwell Harrison.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the Estate of
DEAN RICHARD LEARY,
deceased.
All persons having claims against the Estate of Dean Richard Leary, late of the Township of Lutterworth, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 3rd day of August, 1998, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of January, 1999, after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
DATED at Minden, Ontario this 11th day of December, 1998 by **DONALD J. FINN, Barrister & Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0**, Solicitor for the Executrice of the Estate of Dean Richard Leary.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the Estate of
JAMES EDWARD MOON,
deceased.
All persons having claims against the Estate of James Edward Moon, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 8th day of October, 1998, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of

710 LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES

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January, 1999, after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the Estate of
RANDOLPH WILLIAM RALPH,
deceased.
All persons having claims against the Estate of Randolph William Ralph, late of the Township of Harcourt, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 13th day of October, 1998, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of January, 1999, after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
DATED at Minden, Ontario this 11th day of December, 1998 by **DONALD J. FINN, Barrister & Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0**, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Randolph William Ralph.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the Estate of
HAROLD SAWYER,
deceased.
All persons having claims against the Estate of Harold Sawyer, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 3rd day of October, 1998, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of January, 1999, after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
DATED at Minden, Ontario this 11th day of December, 1998 by **DONALD J. FINN, Barrister & Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0**, Solicitor for the Executrix of the Estate of Harold Sawyer.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the Estate of
ALAN LLOYD STEVENSON,
deceased.
All persons having claims against the Estate of Alan Lloyd Stevenson, late of the Township of Minden, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 10th day of July, 1998, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of January, 1999, after which date the assets will be distributed with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.
DATED at Minden, Ontario this 11th day of December, 1998 by **DONALD J. FINN, Barrister & Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0**, Solicitor for the Executor of the Estate of Alan Lloyd Stevenson.
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In the Estate of
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deceased.
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DATED at Minden, Ontario this 11th day of December, 1998 by **DONALD J. FINN, Barrister & Solicitor, P.O. Box 158, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0**, Solicitor for the Executors of the Estate of Lurline J. Trotter.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the Estate of
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deceased.
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MY SINCERE thank you to all for their kindness and care at the time of my car accident. To the passer-by who called by family and stayed with me, Minden firemen, Pat and Mark, and Dr. Lingertap and staff at Minden Hospital, Const. Mike Bennett and my faithful family. With heartfelt thanks, **Agnes Pearsell.**

THANKS BE to God, James Birrell and his mother Pamela are both in remission from their cancer. James now wears a hearing aid, and Pam is recovering from clinical depression, but both are currently - miraculously - cancer-free. Our grateful thanks to the many good people who prayed for, supported and generally cared about Syd's family in Peterborough through their long ordeal. And thanks to those who purchased the CD "A Gift of Song" in aid of cancer research. (It is still available from 286-3198.) A Merry Christmas to all, **Bruce and Primrose.**

THE FAMILY of the late Reata Carr wish to express sincere appreciation to relatives and friends, for their expressions of kindness and sympathy. Special thanks to Gordon A. Monk's funeral home. To Barry, for his compassion, concern and kindness; Gordon Monk for his comforting words and his kind messages of faith at the funeral service for mother. We thank the ladies for the delicious lunch served at the Maple Lake United Church. God bless you all, **Marg and Don Sisson, Violet and John Balcomb, Cora Moorhead and Cecil Sipes, and families.**

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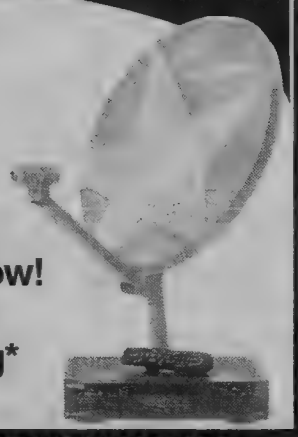

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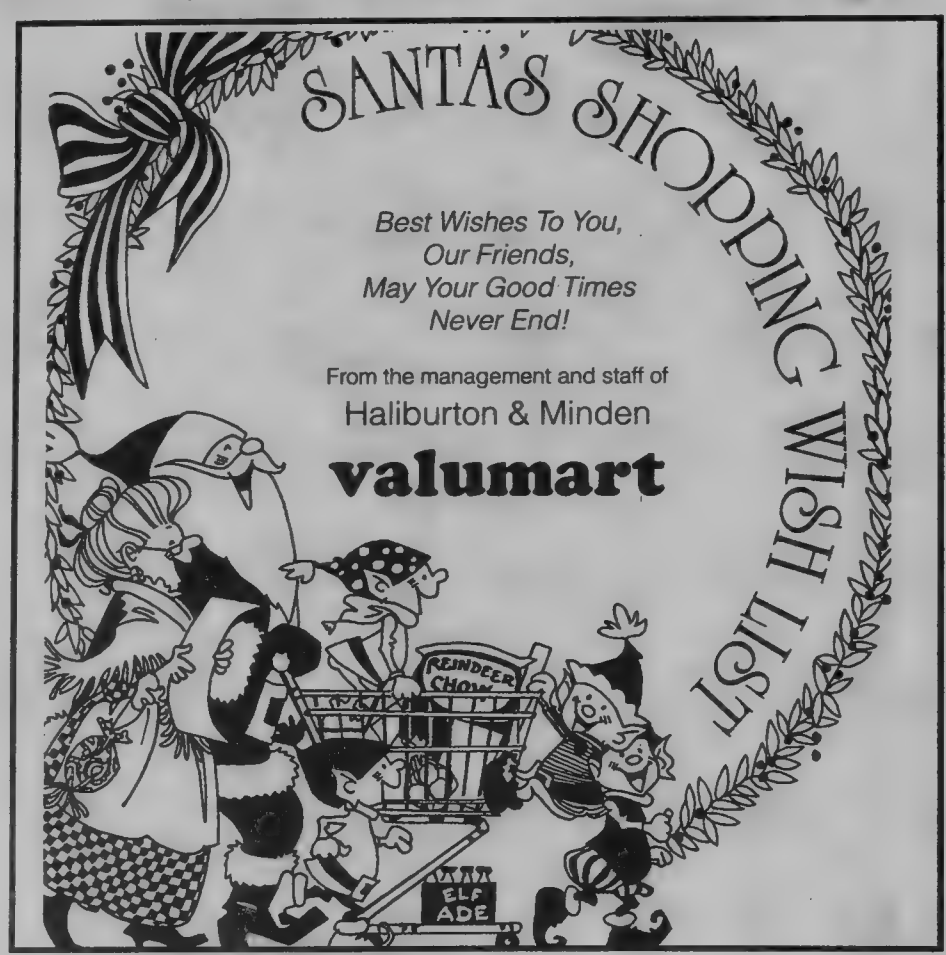

Celebrating the magic of Christmas present, and the memories of Christmases past

For all who love the Haliburton Highlands, Christmas is a magical season. Streets bustle with shoppers, festive lights brighten the night, lakes freeze over and the first snow lifts our spirits and banishes the cold, dark days of November.

Christmas is a time for sharing, for appreciating friends and family, and for basking in the contentment of good food and warm laughter. Most of all, Christmas is a time for children. Their bright smiles and infectious excitement fill us with love, and rekindle fond memories of Christmases past, when we, too, awaited the arrival os Santa with breathless excitement. This special supplement includes Highland residents' memories of past Christmases, as well as the faces and words of local children. We hope it brings a smile to your face, and stirs your own recollections of other magical Christmas mornings.

Here you will also find messages of goodwill, thanks and appreciation from local businesses -- friends and neighbours who contribute so much to making the Highlands a special place to live and work.

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On behalf of the Staff & Management

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Jim Elstone, General Manager and the staff of PineStone would like to wish all of our friends and associates in Haliburton County and the surrounding area, a very Merry Christmas and a happy and Prosperous New Year.

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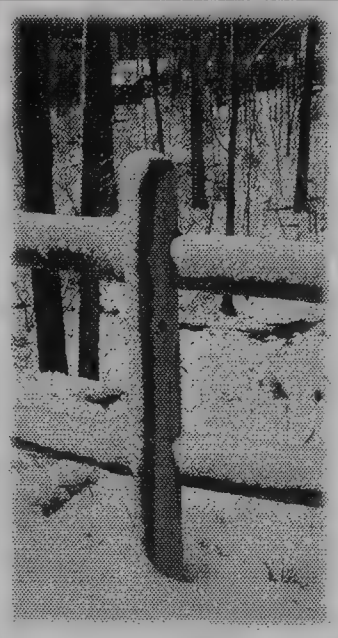

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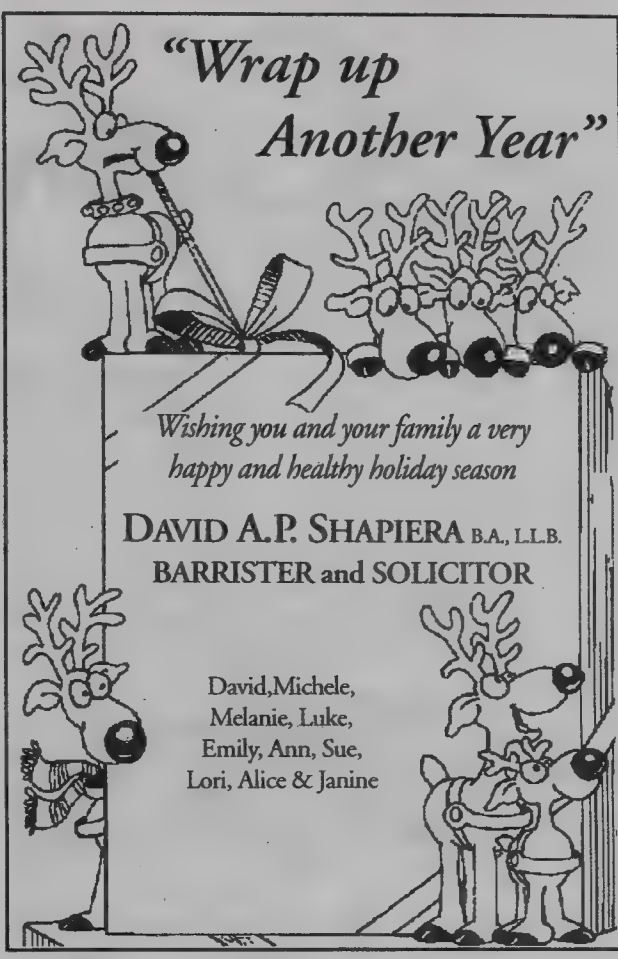

...'O Come All Ye Faithful!

At this holiest time of year, we'd like to join you and your family in giving thanks unto the Lord for his never ending love and guidance in helping each of us to find our own way.

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Creative Christmas

Stories from students at Wilberforce Elementary School

Away in a Manger

by DAVID DESCHAMP
Grade 3

A long time ago there were two people walking to Bethlehem. Their names were Mary and Joseph. Mary was having a baby. The baby's name was Jesus. But there was a man named King Herod who wanted to kill Jesus. There were wise men and shepherds there when King Herod got there.

Christmas began by Jesus' birth. Mary and Joseph were Jesus' parents. Jesus was born in a stable. Jesus was born in a stable because Bethlehem was so crowded.

King Herod had problems finding Jesus and decided to kill every little boy. King Herod found Jesus when he was twelve months old.

King Herod couldn't kill Jesus because Mary and Joseph and the three wise men and the three shepherds were all in the way.

Christmas Eve

by AUSTIN HARRIS-SAXBY
Grade 4

It was Christmas eve and Allen heard something on the roof. It sounded like something was on the roof. Thump! Allen looked up the chimney and saw Santa.

Santa got stuck in the chimney. Allen pulled Santa by the foot and then Santa got out. Santa was sore but he was ok. He was really happy to be out of the chimney so he gave Allen two presents.

Allen opened the first one. It was a puppy and the second one was dog food. Allen was very happy to get two presents.

How I Saved Christmas

by BRENDON WATSON
Grade 4

It all started when these two thieves named Bob and Jack did not like Christmas. I was at a Christmas party at the North Pole and at the time we were eating dinner and I had to get something out of the car. Then I saw the two thieves and Detective Holmes

Mrs. Claus gave me some money to go on a boat to go to Canada.

and his sidekick Doc. Watson running. Then I ran too. "After them" yelled Holmes. Then I asked him "what is wrong?" They said "those guys took Santa." I saw Santa's house and went there and Mrs. Claus gave me some money to go on a boat to go to Canada. I got there and I lost Holmes and Watson. I asked for tips and I found a clue. It was Santa's hat. "It must have fallen out of the bag." Then I found some foot steps. I followed them and I found a big house. I went into it. Then I found Santa. He was tied up. I untied him. Then we went back to the North Pole. Then I went back to Canada to my family.

The Christmas Angel

by BILLIE ROSE CLARKSON
Grade 4

Once upon a time there was a little boy named Alex. He had a cat, a mom and a dad. This took place in an old town called Native Town. It was on Christmas Eve.

Alex was asleep. Alex woke up and found an angel at the side of his bed. He called his mom and dad. By the time they got there the angel was gone.

They thought he was lying. They could not see the angel. The angel came down because it was Christmas Eve. The angel came down to check on him too.

Their cat heard something and jumped. The angel talked. You could see the angel now. Alex was not lying. It was true. They could not believe their eyes. Hurray! Hurray! for the cat. The angel was there every Christmas Eve to see how Alex was doing.

The Gift

by JENNIFER CUMMING
Grade 4

It was Christmas Eve and Timmy, Michelle and their mother were worried about father coming home. The family lived on a farm in the country and father had gone to the city to sell some of their farm animals

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'Timmy and Michelle were afraid their father would not make it home'

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to earn some money for Christmas.

The day father was to return, they had a big blizzard. Timmy and Michelle were afraid father would not make it home. They had alot of chores to do. They had to bring the animals into the barn, bring fire wood into the house to warm it up and they had Christmas gifts to finish making.

That evening the children were hanging their stockings and hoping that their father would make it home. As they were closing their eyes they heard the front door bang open and they heard "Merry Christmas! I'm home!"

Timmy and Michelle ran down the stairs and hugged their father. Having him home was the best Christmas gift ever.

The Little Boy Santa Forgot

by JESSICA FOULDS
Grade 4

One day there was a little boy. His name was Charlie. It was Christmas Eve. Charlie was very excited. He lived in Toronto. Charlie fell a sleep. Santa on the other hand went all around Toronto and then went to Ottawa.

Then it became morning and Charlie ran down the stairs trying to wake up his mom and dad. When he came to the tree there was no more presents than what his mom and dad got him.

Charlie cried that he got no presents under the tree. Charlie thought that Santa had thought that he was a bad boy. He thought of all of the bad things he had done and cried some more.

When Santa got to the north pole he had one more present in his sleigh. He forgot a boy. He didn't have Charlie crossed off on his list. So the next night Santa went to Charlie's house and dropped off all of Charlie's presents.

The Special Gift

by JOCELYN DONALDSON
Grade 4

Nearly 2000 years ago there was a man named Joseph and a lady named Mary. They lived in a small house. They had a garden from where they got food. One day when Mary was working in the garden an angel came down and said that she was going to have a baby named Jesus.

Then the angel rose into the sky and disappeared. Mary went inside and told Joseph what happened and the baby was getting bigger and bigger inside of her. The next day Joseph got a letter that said that he had to go back to Bethlehem to pay his taxes. Mary was close to having the baby but they went to Bethlehem anyway.

Mary rode a donkey and Joseph walked. When they got to Bethlehem all the rooms were full so they went and put the donkey in the stable and slept there for the night. But in the night baby Jesus was born and the angel got the three wise men and they brought gifts for baby Jesus. Mary put baby Jesus in a manger and baby Jesus fell asleep. This is the beginning of a wonderful story.

HAVE FAITH AT CHRISTMAS TIME

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." –Isaiah 7:14

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More Wilberforce stories...

Too Many Toys Shout

by CHRIS WOOLACOTT
Grade 4

It was the day before Christmas at Santa's workshop. All of a sudden one of the head work elves came running into Santa's room and said "Santa we are out of plastic and we are getting behind in work."

Santa said "What how much behind?" The elf said "way behind." Santa asked "how many toys behind?" The elf said "at least five-hundred toys. Could you and Mrs. Claus come and help make toys with us?"

Santa said "are you up for it?" Mrs. Claus said "yes". The head elf opened the door for Santa and Mrs. Claus and then shut it. They all went to where the molds are made and started making molds for all the children's requests from all around the world. By the night the elves were harnessing the reindeer and putting the most important one of all in the front - Rudolph. Santa yelled "Prancer, Vixen, Doner, Dasher, Comet, Dancer, Cupid, Blitzan" and they all arose and off they went around the world.

Christmas goodies...

Gingerbread cookies are a Christmas tradition in many homes. The students of Mr. Hopkins' Grade 2 class at Victoria Street School in Haliburton had fun making the tasty treats. Madison McInnes-Bailey puts the finishing touches on some gingerbread people, while Cody Griffin looks on.

Season's Greetings

Donna, Gord, Barry, Kirsten, Alex and Mac

THE MONK & CRAY FAMILIES

We're happy to have this opportunity to express our gratitude and offer our very best wishes to all of you at this joyous time of year. Thank you!

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It's the time of year to step back and appreciate the many ways in which we have been blessed. May you enjoy the best things about the holiday season-the warmth of hearth and home, the closeness of the ones you love the most.

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Greetings of the Season

It is you, our very special friends, who have put the "Happy" in our "Holidays" and we thank you very much! At this most joyous time of year, we extend to you and your family best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. We look forward to your continued patronage and invite you to visit us again soon.

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Memories...

The gift of family

At 98, Elva Cooper cherishes a lifetime of Christmases filled with enduring love

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

ELVA COOPER can well remember the first Christmas present her husband Stan gave her.

It was 1920 and they had been married in a quiet ceremony that August. They had grown up side by side in West Guilford, the Coopers and the Sissons, and as Elva likes to say, "he played the field when he went overseas (in World War I), he played the field when he came home, and then he married the girl next door."

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"Oh we had wonderful times. Uncle Billy Stevens, he'd come in wearing a coon skin coat and he'd throw all these candies out onto the floor and we'd scramble for them. Even those hard candies meant a lot to us."

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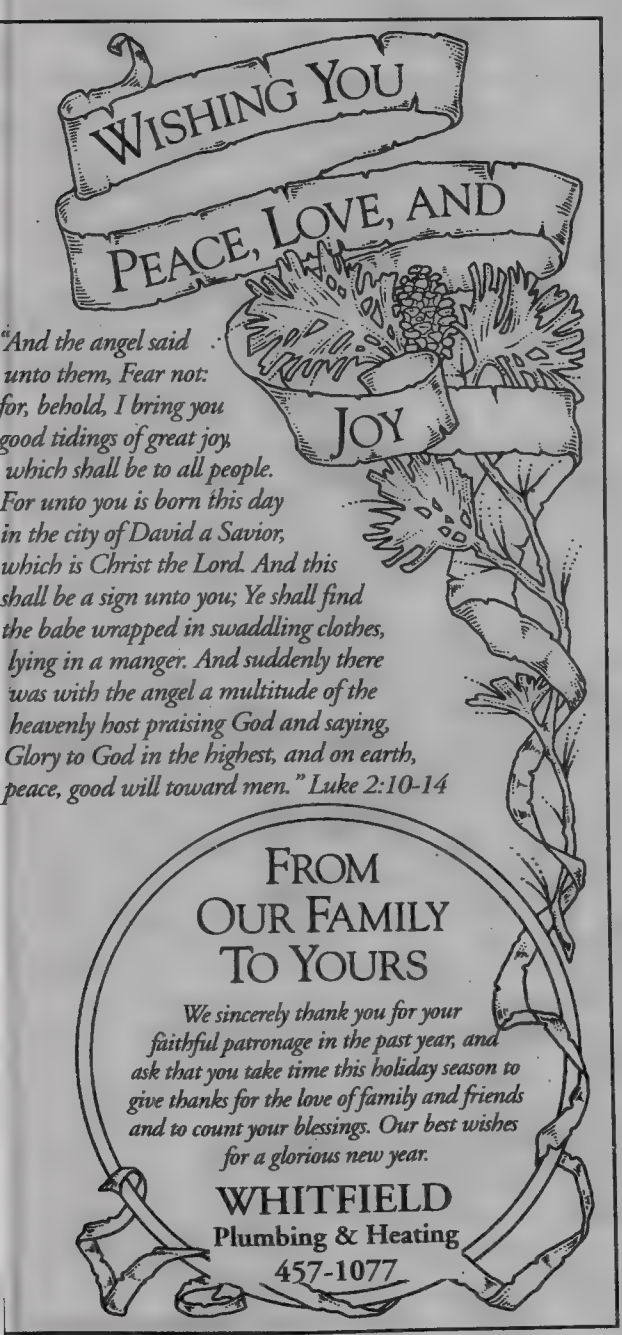

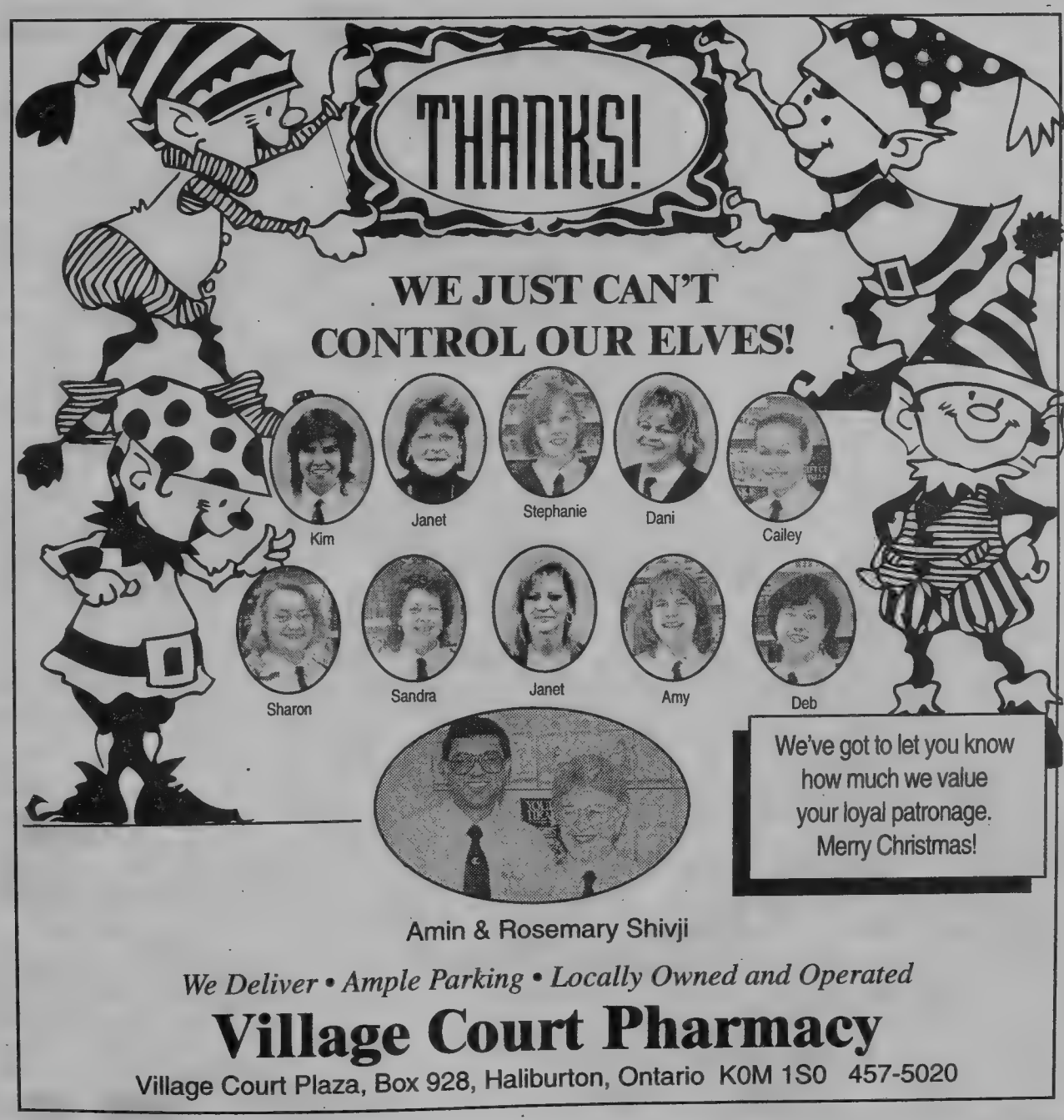

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THANK YOU FOR MAKING 1998 A PLEASURABLE YEAR.
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"I can remember one Christmas when I could only make the cake a quarter size because I couldn't afford the ingredients, but we got over that..."

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With a smile that glows from her often mischievously sparkling eyes, she also admits that she might not have been able to wait until Christmas day to open that special gift.

"Maybe, just maybe, I opened it before... I was apt to do that," she says coyly, her youthfulness still present in her 98-year-old voice.

"That first Christmas he got me one of those long, slim blouses and he pretty near had to prop the thing up to keep it up, it was that narrow. I think the first time I wore it was to the Christmas concert that year.

"It was special because Stan had picked it out for me and there weren't too many around."

Many more special Christmases were to follow, especially after the arrival of her seven children (an eighth died during birth), and then, after they left home to marry, her grandchildren, and today, great-grandchildren.

Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Christ, she says, but it is family which gives it that warm, heartfelt glow.

She can remember celebrating Christmas at her Grandma and Grandpa Barnum's. They ran the post office in West Guilford out of their home, which often was the family's gathering place. "Oh we had wonderful times. Uncle Billy Stevens, he'd come in wearing a coon skin coat and he'd throw all these candies out onto the floor and we'd scramble for them. Even those hard candies meant a lot to us."

As a young mother, she wanted her children to share that magical feeling and she did this by creating their own family traditions.

"I always made a Christmas cake and a Christmas pudding and we always had a turkey," she says. "I can remember one Christmas when I could only make the cake a quarter size because I couldn't afford the ingredients, but we got over that and lived it down."

In later years, the only tough times were when her children couldn't come home for the holiday.

"I can tell you this," she says, sitting in the home she shares with her son Earl and his wife Eleanor, "they used to sing that song, 'I'll Be Home for Christmas,' and it made me cry every time I heard it. To me it was quite sad.

"But (not having them home) made you care even more for them because you thought maybe you could make your love stretch that far."

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Willie Cox and her husband Jack spent five years in Indonesia

Memories...

The tree made of brushes...

When it's Christmas time in Indonesia it helps to have a creative bent

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

WHEN IN INDONESIA... do as the Indonesians do – celebrate Christmas with a Dutch flair.

That's what Willie and Jack Cox enjoyed doing during the five years they lived in the former Dutch colony north of Australia.

At the recent Christmas in Carnarvon celebration, Mrs. Cox told the gathering of church women about the visit by Black Peter to various homes before Christmas. Black Peter would chase the children through the house "and put them in a bag if they were bad...

"Some of the children were terrified, some were having a good time."

She was suprised that after each child was given a wrapped gift, the child didn't open it at the party. When she asked about this, she was told that the parents had brought the gift and would feel bad if their present wasn't as nice as someone else's. Often the gift was very practical, such as a new bedsheet.

Black Peter would chase the children through the house "and put them in a bag if they were bad..."

Given the lack of pine trees, you had to be creative when it came to decorating your house. She knew one missionary who bought a whole bunch of toilet brushes, painted them green and put them on a pole to look like a Christmas tree.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous Happy New Year and thank all of you for your support over the past year.

Gayle (The Jelly Lady)

How like the serenity of a silent, snow-clad woodland, is the peace that comes to the heart that finds the true meaning of Christmas.

We Wish a Happy Holiday Season for You and Your Family.

Kim Emmerson, Lois Emmerson, Sheila Cowen, Rod Consack, Glenn Urquhart, Cleve Roberts, Jay Salvatori, Tony Salvatori, Gary Badger, Dave Sadler, Ryan Emmerson, Garry Cooper, Janice Ryckman, Mike Grinnell, Norm Barry, Greg Moore, Ian Covert, Casey Cox, Robert Ackerblade, Charlie Robb, Daryl Sebesta

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Memories...

First, best Christmas in a new land

by MILAN FRYBORT
Essonville

Some 30 years ago, our family, together with about 60,000 other Czechs and Slovaks, left our homeland after the "brotherly" Russian tanks paid us a "friendly visit." We all knew at the time that this "temporary situation" – as the new Czech, pro-Moscow government called it – would last for many years to come, so we chose an uncertain future in exile rather than certain life in Russian slavery.

To make this decision was not easy. It meant leaving some of our relatives and friends behind with a very small chance to see them any time soon, if at all.

After a rather complicated journey, my wife Marie and I, and our children Milan (Mick) and Marie, together with some 40 other Czechs and Slovaks, arrived in Saskatoon in the late fall of 1968. We were totally unprepared for our first winter in the Canadian prairies. We all left the old country in a hurry, unable to bring with us anything more than a couple of small suitcases with some personal belongings, empty pockets, very poor English, wearing only light clothes. Now we had to get ready for the

Milan and Marie Frybort

Rexall

Joy to all!

It's a real pleasure to have this opportunity to extend our best wishes to our many good friends and patrons during the holiday season... we appreciate your loyalty.

Merry Christmas!

Pharmacist - Manager - Margaret Wing
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May your home be blessed by the glory of His love this holy season, and may His good graces follow you wherever you go.

Merry Christmas
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Buon Natale e un Felice Nuovo Anno

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'When one of us started to play old Czech Christmas carols on the piano, we all felt that we were home'

coming winter.

Even though it didn't take us long to get jobs, the starting income could not cover our shoe-string budget. First we had to pay our rent, repay our air fare loan to the Canadian government and buy some basic food. After all this there was very little money left with which to buy winter clothing or household necessities, but yet we were so happy that we were free in a free world!

Soon after we settled, two former Christian missionaries who came from Czechoslovakia more than 30 years earlier came to see us, giving us much valuable information and inviting us to their church.

Then, one day just before Christmas, we were told that a few people from another church would like to come to see us.

It was on very short notice and we didn't have anything to treat our visitors with; we didn't even have enough coffee cups, so panic hit us all. But before we could decided what to do, the door bell rang and here they were! About 10 of them. Not only did they bring their own big coffeepot, they also brought their own cups and spoons and cookies. Then they started to pile up all kinds of presents for us: kitchen equipment, winter clothing, even some toys for our little children.

Well, it was more than we all could take. Our tears were running freely. The next time we met some other Czechs from our group of newcomers, we learned they too had experienced similar kinds of visits.

Perhaps I should mention that since our large family rented an old furnished house with a large living room, many of the new Czech immigrants gathered there almost every evening, anxious to share their new experiences, where to go for job interviews, to church, to offices, where to buy cheaply and so on. Those who did not find a seat on a chair or sofa sat on the floor and when there was not enough room in the living room, some sat in the hallway or kitchen. It didn't matter as long as they were together, could speak their language and help each other, since only some of us were able to communicate in English.

And now Christmas was coming, our first Christmas in our new home! We all missed our families and friends left behind, so we wanted to spend our Christmas together with our new friends. Our missionary friends rented for us a cafeteria in a nearby school and we set the wheels in motion. Some of us brought to our big dinner turkey, some brought cookes, some decorations, and when one of us started to play old Czech Christmas carols on the piano, we all felt that we were home.

Season's Greetings

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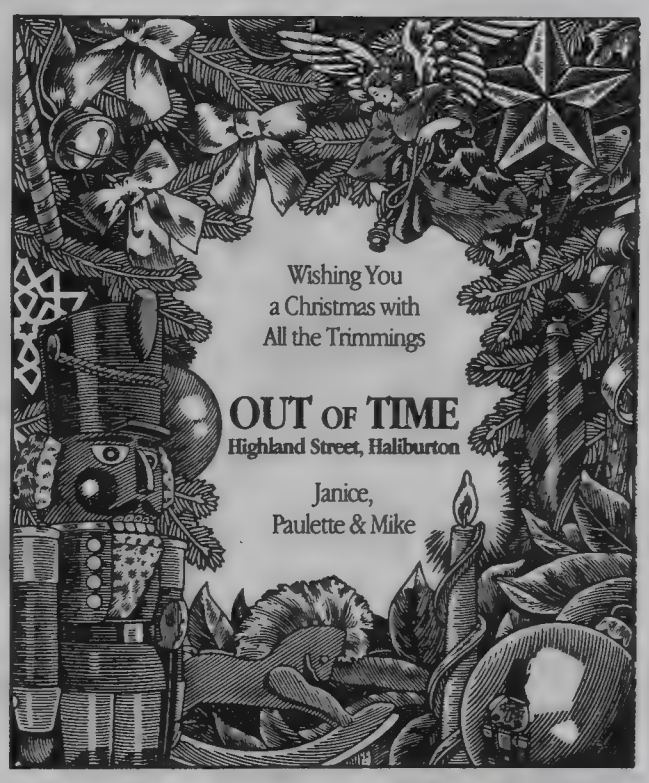

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Yuletide Greetings

Wishing you a wondrous and magical season

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Best wishes and many thanks to our loyal customers and friends.

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Season's Greetings

and our thanks for your support this year.
May your Christmas be filled with Peace, Love and joy and a New Year of Health and Prosperity.
Joe, Heather & family

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Proprietors: Lloyd & Gisele
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Our Holiday Wish to You

May you and yours be blessed with joy, laughter, love, good health and good friends now and throughout the coming year. It has been our pleasure to serve you and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

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From all of us at The Domain, we wish you a Happy Holiday Season

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We've been burning the candle at both ends to get ready for Christmas, and now that it's here we'd like to say "thanks", to all of you who've helped light up our lives throughout the year!

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Peace & Joy

May glad tidings be yours this holiday season.

from the Management & Staff

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People Everywhere Share the Dream of Peace

This special season, we join with all faiths to pray that the world continues on its way toward realizing that dream.

Happy Holiday.
Thank you for your continued support.

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Christmas stories

from Gooderham School students

by BRANDON LONEY
Grade 4

Santa Claus is nice
He brings you things for Christmas
Santa is coming.

There once was a man named Roy
Who had a lot of joy
He went to bed
An angel sat on his head
In the morning he got rid of a toy.

Snowman
Fat, snowy
Snowboarding, Skidooing, sledding
Cold to the bone
Frosty.

by CHEYENNE GRAHAM
Grade 3

Tree
Decorations, nice,
Flickering, wiggling, glowing
It's nice and great
Christmas

There once was an elf named Roy
Who had a lot of joy,
And sat in Santa Claus's sled
And made a big bed
And in the morning he got a toy.

Holly
Holly is a plant.
Holly is a Christmas plant.
Holly is nice.

by DEVIN HUNTER
Grade 4

Reindeer
See the big reindeer
Fall very slow on your roof.
The deer pull a sled.

Christmas
Santa, presents
Exciting, thrilling, fun
Have fun at Christmas
Holiday

There once was an old man
Who lost his hand
He went to the doctor
and went in a locker
and fell on a can.

by JORDAN ASKEW
Grade 4

Snowflakes are great fun.
Did you know snowflakes are fun?
Snowflakes are so cool!

Christmas
Fun great
Playing, shoveling, working
Feeling great opening presents
New Years.

There once was an elf named Roy
Who wanted to make a toy
He always was a happy lad
He sometimes got mad
But he had a lot of joy.

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Our Favorite Hobby...

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May your favourite spare-time activities give you full time joy.

Thank you for your loyal patronage.

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from all of us...to all of you

Len

Kathy

Peter

Les

Sandra

Deb

Sue

Martha

Sandi

Janie

Merry Christmas

FROM THE STAFF OF
THE HALIBURTON COUNTY ECHO

More Christmas stories

by Gooderham school students

by JORDAN LESICH
Grade 4

Snow
Wet, cold
Falling, floating, sticking
Fun to play with.

There once was an elf named Buck
He played with his hockey puck.
He went in Santa's sled
Santa sat on his head
They left when midnight struck.

Jack Frost
Jack Frost makes winter.
He makes people really glad,
He makes a cold storm.
Holiday Poetry

by KHRISTEN SCHULTZ
Grade 3

See the snowflakes fly
They fly like the wind and stop
They fly in the trees.

Christmas
Snowy, fun
Giving, caring, sharing
Feeling like an elf
Holiday.

There once was an elf named Roy
Who brought some gifts and joy
He jumped in Santa's sled
and bumped his big fat head,
He had a little boy.

by LESLEY TROTTER
Grade 4

Christmas
Fun, presents
Giving, sharing, caring
Giving to other people
Holiday

There once was an elf named Bob
Who had a friend named Rob
He also had a friend named Ed
Who rode in Santa's sled
He was sloppy and a slob.

Christmas trees are cool,
Trees are decorated nice,
Christmas trees are nice.

by MELISSA BRINDLE-SMITH
Grade 4

Christmas
Decorated, bright
Exciting, giving, caring
Something new for presents.

Trees
Christmas trees are nice,
They're very very pretty
I like Christmas trees.

Santa
Santa was going to bed,
Then he went to be fed.
Santa likes you
Sometimes he's coo-coo
Santa went to the shed.

by NIKOLE ROBINSON
Grade 4

Christmas
Fun, happy
Giving, sharing, caring
The thought that counts
Holiday.

There once was an elf named Troy,
Who had a little toy.
He jumped into Santa's sled
And went to bed,
Next morning Roy had a boy.

See the fire wood,
Making the family warm,
In the cozy house.

by SHAWN BRYXI
Grade 3

Sledding
Fun, snowy
Sledding, speeding, flying
Feeling really good sledding.
Tobogganing.

The ice is thick
And the ice is hard and cold
Ice, good for skating.

Christmas is the time for love
So we made ourselves a dove.
We looked for a Christmas tree
We sledded down the hill, "weee!"
It's cold so put on your other glove.

by TIFFANY BILLINGS
Grade 4

Santa
Joy, fun
Giving, sharing, caring
Brings presents for kids
Saint Nicholas.

See the Christmas tree
With the decorations on
It looks very nice.

There once was an elf named Rob
Who was going to get a job
Rob went to sleep in his bed
And he hit his own head
He also ate some corn on the cob.

I Love Christmas
by KAYLA MANLEY
Grade 5

Christmas Eve makes me race to hang my stocking by the fireplace. I try to catch Santa, but my eyes shut tight. Why doesn't Santa come earlier that night?

Christmas morning makes me run quickly downstairs for some Christmas fun. Bows and ribbon, boxes and strings. "Hurray, it's Christmas!" everyone sings.

Christmas Day means to me uncles and aunts around the Christmas tree. "My you've grown since we saw you last!" I bend my knees as I try to sneak past.

Christmas dinner means I take heaps of cookies and heaps of cake, I eat and eat 'til my stomach hurts. "Mom" I call, "any more desserts?"

Christmas brings my friends; we play with toys that Santa sends. I've just one problem for you to hear! I wish Christmas came more than once a year!

by SHAWN BRYXI
Grade 3

Hello. My name is Shawn.
And we don't have any snow on our lawn.
I'm making up a poem, a poem of my very own.

In the morning I got up very early
And I felt very swirly.
I ate my breakfast very slowly
Because I wondered if it was snowing.
When I was done my food
I began to feel in a good mood.
When I looked out the window
I bent down lot.
I have never seen such snow that's so white,
And never seen snow so bright.
I got on my coat, boots, scarf, and snow pants
And thought in the snow I would dance.
My dad was at work and my mom was in the house
And my sister was playing with a stuffed mouse.

Season's Greetings

Christmas Day is near,
The time of joy and cheer.
Now all that's left to do,
Is thank each and every one of you!

Dr. Hindman & Staff

together we achieve the extraordinary!

one of the real joys of the holiday season is the opportunity to say thank you and wish you the very best for the New Year.

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For a little girl waiting for Santa, Christmas eve was

The longest night of the year

'It was all going quite well until I came to the realization that the later it got, the longer all of these people stayed, the less time Santa had to do his job at my house.'

by Anne Creelman
Haliburton

Anne with the person she was sure would never pay a visit unless her relatives went home!

I am often asked if I remember absolutely everything about my childhood and I have to confess, I do have pretty long retention for events. I guess it was just that there were always so many people and things going on in our family it was usually harder to forget.

I remember when I was a kid thinking that Christmas Eve seemed like it was the longest night of the entire year. The anticipation, the build-up, the excitement that all came to a head on the 24th of December was almost too much too bear for one little person.

I remember one such night as sheer torture. We had been back in Ottawa about a year after the death of my father and my mother really wanted Christmas to be something special. My uncle was a priest and principal of a Catholic boys seminary school. He decided that it would be nice if our entire family - aunts, uncles, cousins, close friends, dogs (okay, maybe not!), could have Midnight Mass at the school chapel on Christmas Eve and then after, everyone would come back to our house for a feast, reveillons to the French. My Uncle Donny would say the mass and all of the cousins would participate. Some of my cousins would serve as alter boys, one play the guitar, my sisters would reading and do the intentions and I was to take up the offeratory gifts. It was really going to be beautiful.

Now back then, Midnight Mass was truly at midnight and to a six year old on Christmas Eve, it might as well have been 1998, the wait was so long. As we all scurried around the house that day getting ready for the party and wrapping last minute presents, my mother suggested that it might be wise if I had a nap since it was going to be a long day. I ask you, who can actually nap on Christmas Eve?

Needless to say that by midnight, I was pretty well toasted and when it was my part in the mass, I chose to stay in my seat snoozing in my buckle-up galoshes and suspender snowpants. I seem to remember my cousin David carrying me out to the cold car after mass and then of course, when we arrived home, I was wide awake.

It was a happening party. There had to have been at least 35 people at our house and they were all singing and eating tourtiere and having a great old time. My Uncle Philip, always quite a singer, did his usual rendition of Mack the Knife. My Aunt Dorothy always had a cigarette in her mouth and I was about the only person at the party who was shorter than she was. My mother was really in her element, having all her family around her and hosting a party. She loved that kind of thing.

It was all going quite well until I came to the realization that the later it got, the longer all of these people stayed, the less time Santa had to do his job at my house. I distinctly remember calling my mother into the bedroom that we shared and saying she had to tell everyone to go home immediately because as long as they were there, Santa would not come! She smiled and said that she was sure that Santa had lots of time to get to our house and why didn't I just hop into bed. I would probably be surprised at how quickly I fell asleep. A lot she knew.

I climbed into our big double bed and brought with me every single stuffed animal and doll that I had. I had told them all that they could stay up and see Santa. We were all propped up on the pillows with eyes

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AWAY IN A MANGER

At the holiest of seasons, we pray that you will be blessed.
From Everyone at

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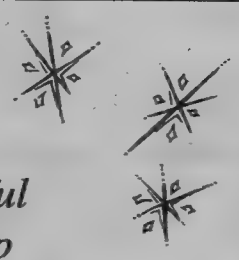

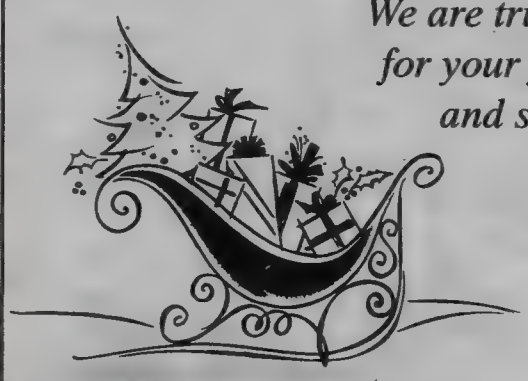

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Pat & Nick

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To our patrons who've made our year extra special, may we wish you happiness and fulfillment this Christmas and in the days to follow. Our warmest greetings and thanks to you all.

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A Christmas Wish

A heartfelt thank you to all our clients for their patronage this past year.

As we believe Christmas is a time for family our office will be closed from December 25 1998 to January 4, 1999 (inclusive).

Wishing everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Ray, Sue, Laurie & Heather

Raymond Selbie & Staff

Have a holly, jolly Christmas

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Friends like you are the reason
We've enjoyed a merry season.
So we mean it when we say,
Hope glad tidings come your way.

VICTORIA LAUNDRY
Lindsay

From Our House To Yours

from all of us at
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Have a safe and happy holiday season

May the memories of Christmases past bring joy to our hearts

"Behold, the Lamb of God."
John 1:29

May the light of love and joy shine
on you and your family throughout the year.
God bless you.

HALIBURTON VETERINARY SERVICES
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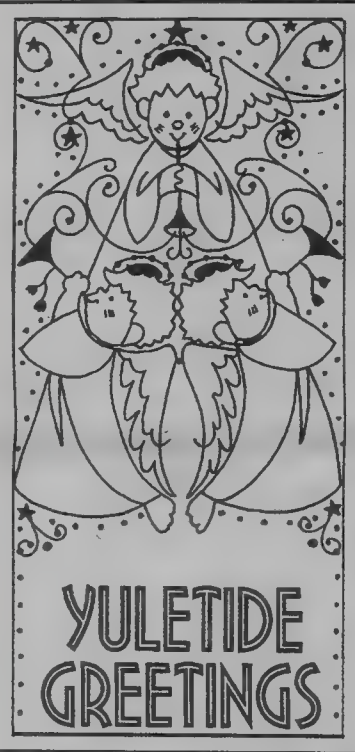

Wishing you tidings of comfort and joy this holiday season.

Paul & Staff of

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Merry Christmas

Holiday time is near,
The time of joy and cheer.
Now all that's left to do
Is thank each and
every one of you!

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The longest night...

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wide open, butterflies whirling around inside, when Mom came to check on me. She couldn't believe I was still awake. I couldn't believe those people were still here. It wasn't until much later I learned how my relatives say goodbye after a party - a Gavan Goodbye can last anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour!

I think I was just about ready to despair that Santa would not come that year, afraid as he was of being seen by my rambunctious relatives, when the Sandman finally won out. Try as I might, I finally had to give up the fight and give in to sweet slumber.

The next morning finally came and I rose with the sun to scramble under the tree and see if there were any goodies for me. Of course there were and I was thrilled that Santa hadn't been scared off. Little did I know that much of the noise the previous night was my family cleaning up and helping my mother get everything ready for the next morning. At the time, I thought that night would never end and could hardly wait for the next big day.

In retrospect, I'm grateful for that one very long, very special Christmas Eve with my entire family and the memories that will go on forever in my mind. I hope you have a wonderful, memory-making Christmas of your own this year. **Anne.**

Recipes from Christmas Past

by Anne Creelman

In keeping with remembering Christmas of days gone by, I'd like to share some recipes from my family.

TOURTIERE

I think everyone has their own recipe for French Canadian meat pies. This is the one my mother always used and I still used it every year.

Ingredients:
Pastry for one double crust pie
Filling:
1 part ground beef
to 2 parts minced pork
two or three chopped onions
salt and pepper
1/2 tsp each cinnamon, ginger, cloves and dry mustard
1/4 to 1/2 cup milk per pound of meat
1/4 to 1/2 cup of bread crumbs per pound of meat

Line a nine inch pie plate with pastry. Brown the meats and add onion and spices. Cook until well browned and spices have been well mixed in, about 20 minutes. Remove from heat and add milk and bread crumbs. Mix well and pour into pie shell. Top with pastry and seal. Bake in 450 degree oven for about 20 -25 minutes and pastry is golden brown. Delicious with homemade chili sauce.

QUEBEC RAGOUT DE PATTES

My Uncle Donny would weep for joy when my mother would present him with freezer dishes of this delicious stew each Christmas.

2 to 3 lbs pork hocks, cut into pieces
1 tsp coarse salt
1/4 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp ground cloves
1/4 tsp nutmeg
2 tbsp butter or margarine
4 to 6 cups lukewarm water
1 cup onions, thinly sliced
4 tbsp browned flour
1/2 cup water

Roll the hocks in a mixture of the salt, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg. Melt the fat in a heavy fry pan. Brown the hocks until dark brown in colour. When the meat is

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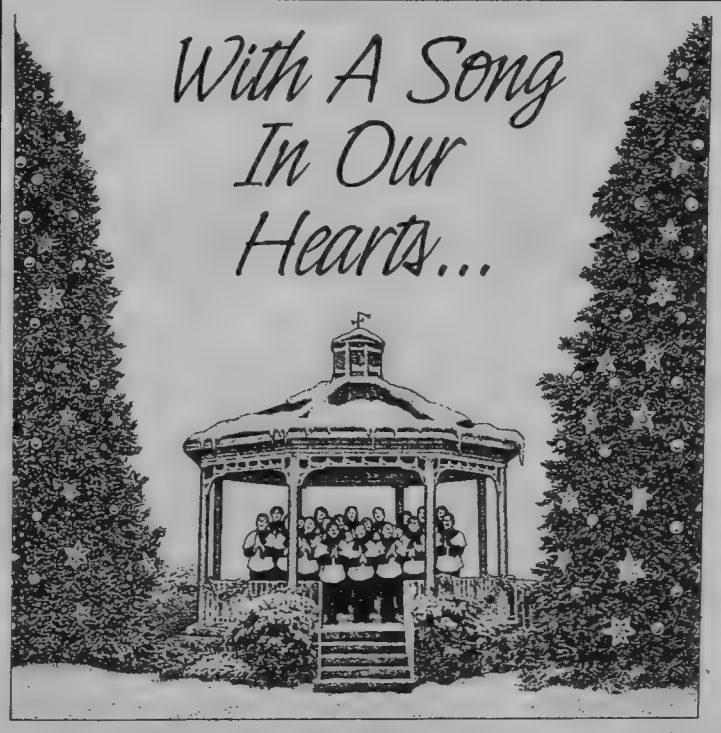

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well browned, add the onions and stir around until light brown, whisk in the tepid water. Cover and simmer until meat is tender, approximately 2 hours.

To brown flour, take a dry, heavy fry pan and stir flour over medium high heat until it is nicely browned. Shake together in a jar with , cup of water and gradually stir into the stew and continue cooking until a good thick consistency. Serve with boiled potates and crusty bread.

GREEN BEAN SUPREME
- a standby at Christmas dinner

1/3 cup corn flake crumbs
1/3 cup Parmesan cheese
6 slices of bacon, chopped
1/3 cup chopped onions
2 lbs cooked green beans
1/4 tsp slat

Mix crumbs and chees. Fry bacon, add onions, cook until tender. Drain grease. Add beans and heat well. Just before serving, toss crumbs with beans.

ALICE GAVAN'S RASPBERRY CHEESE CAKES

My Granny Gavan's recipe that everyone loved - especially my mother.

1 cup butter or margarine (my Aunt Ruth uses butter)
8 oz package Velveeta cheese
2 cups sifted flour
1 tsp salt
raspberry jam (or other jam of your choice)

Blend all ingredients except jam. Chill about , hour. Roll out dough in a fairly thin layer. Cut desired size (Ruth uses a small juice glass). Put a spoonful of jam between two circles. Press edges together with a fork and prick the top. Bake at 425 for about 12 minutes. Melt in your mouth.

FRESH CRANBERRY ORANGE LOAF -

Nice for Breakfast

1 cup fresh cranberries
1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
2 large oranges, plus grated peel and juice
1 egg
1/4 cup oil
1 3/4 cups flour
1 1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1 tsp salt
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1 cup sugar

Measure orange juice, adding enough water to make 3/4 cup. Whisk juice, orange peel, egg and oil. Combine dry ingredients. Pour mixture into center and stir until moistened. Fold in berries and nuts. Pour into greased loaf pan. Bake at 350 for 1 1/4 hours or until done when tested.

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from all the staff at V&S HALIBURTON

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The prisoners' feast:

A well-loved grandfather's story of a special Christmas in 1917

by KERRY RILEY

When the subject of memorable Christmases arises, the story which comes immediately to my mind is, strangely enough, not my own.

My birth being decades in the future at the time it took place, I cannot even claim a peripheral role in its unfolding. I am, however, a legitimate heir.

Attempts to conjure from the misty past first memories of my grandfather reveal a short, portly gentleman in his sixties — neat, perhaps even fastidious, with a carefully tended salt and pepper mustache, shining bald pate ringed by a friar-like fringe of white hair, solid-looking glasses, and a conservatism in dress that borders on the monastic. Lest he seem, in this verbal portrait, too stern, let me add a cherubic smile and twinkly eyes that frequently transformed him into a rather inappropriately dressed, but very appropriately rotund, elf.

By the time I knew him, he lived in a little white frame house on an acre of land in the hamlet of Rosebank, just east of Scarborough, amid large, formal flower gardens, nut, cherry and apple trees, and a huge, gloriously productive vegetable garden. Later, during the 1970s real estate boom, he sold that acre profitably and retired to Haliburton, where he eventually resided across our patio, in a "grandfather flat" constructed precisely for that purpose. Here he gardened avidly, ate well, entertained his friends and family, until finally, at 88 years, still active, independent and alert, he died in his sleep.

Ascent to the threshold of middle-classdom was, however, a late development in my grandfather's life. Born in 1897, near Toronto, details of his childhood were obscured by his own silence on the matter. This led us all to surmise that it was an unhappy one. It is generally understood that his father deserted the family when my grandfather was quite young.

Serving as a pilot in WWI, my grandfather was shot down in Belgium and taken prisoner-of-war. His middle years were spent teetering on the brink of serious poverty, toiling to pay off crippling medical expenses incurred, in the midst of the Depression, as a result of the closely-spaced deaths of his young first wife (my grandmother) of tuberculosis, and a daughter, of scoliosis.

Lieutenant H.G. Robinson, Royal Air Force pilot officer, was shot down and became a prisoner of war in 1917

An indulgent grandfather, he was one of the few adults I have ever met who seemed to genuinely enjoy an hour long game of "I Spy."

His character had its darker aspects, of course. It was reputed that as a young man he could be hard and absolute, and had, perhaps, a bit of a temper. A long-standing but mysterious rift between my father and him was never discussed, but kept their relationship cordially distant.

His greatest strength was his ability to enjoy the simple pleasures in life — in particular, food. He believed, for instance, that a Sweet Marie candy bar was one of the crowning glories of modern civilization, and took child-like delight in his ability, later in life, to buy Laura Secord chocolates for Christmas.

Sunday dinners at my grandparent's house were great events. The particular qualities of each of many dishes, most from the garden, were appraised with careful devotion, this year's squash compared with that of last, various homemade pickle and juice vintages analyzed for taste, texture and bouquet, the (always

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For a man who loved food, that prison dinner was a gift to remember

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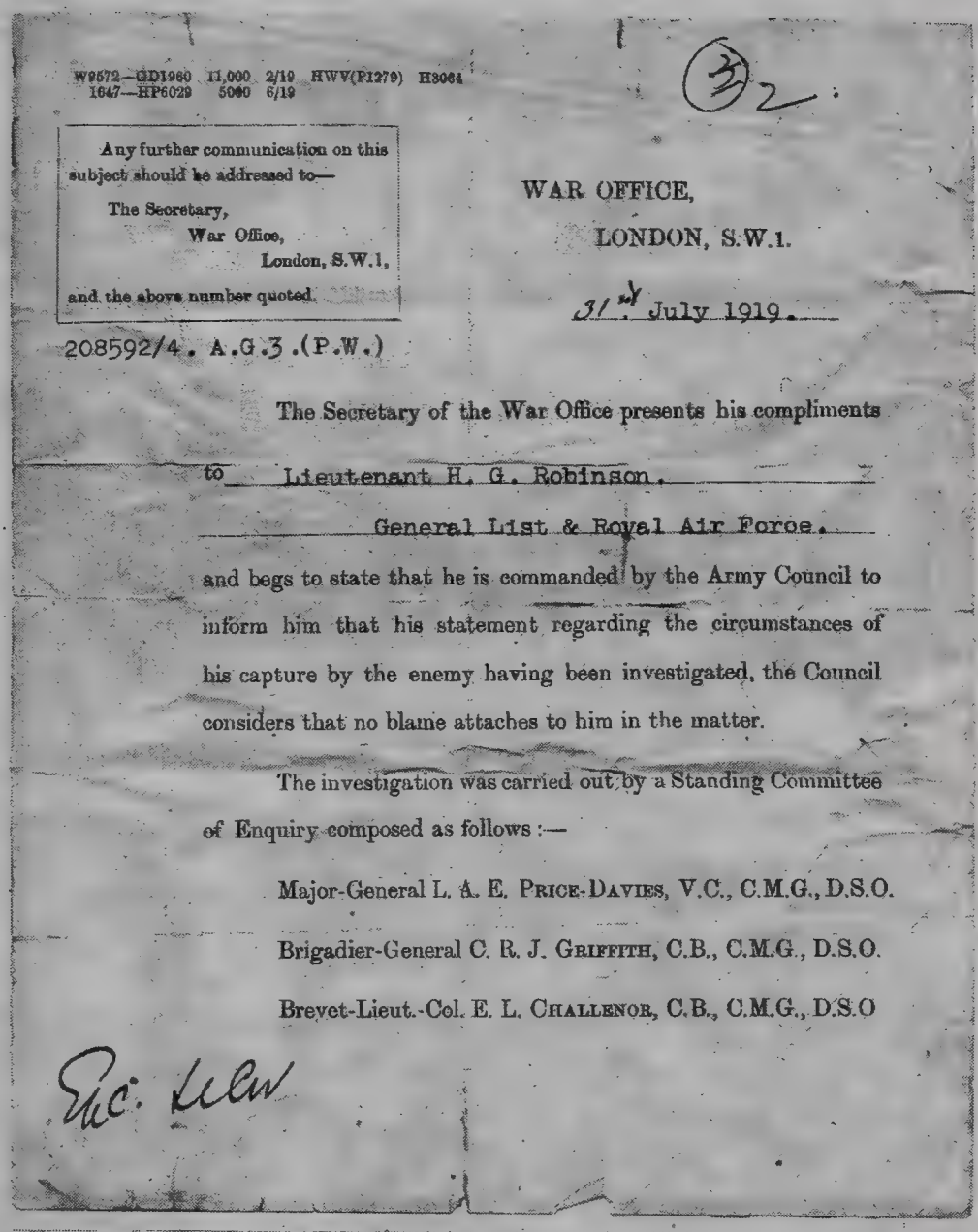
perfect) fresh baked buns or biscuits, deconstructed in detail. Food was, for my grandfather, certainly a comfort — enjoyed in these, the happiest, most secure years of his life, in spite of, and in defiance of, past grief, hardship and insecurity.

Stubbornly non-intellectual, he cheerfully admitted to a utter lack of artistic discrimination or musical appreciation. "I've never understood what it's about," he confessed to me once, trying to unravel the puzzle of my own aptitudes. He did listen to the radio, however, for the news, and as fate would have it, was listening one day in 1983, when Peter Gzowski called on his CBC listeners to recount stories of their most memorable meals. He knew exactly what that was about, and immediately constructed a reply. It eventually found its way into the venerable Mr. Gzowski's collection, published as a 1985 edition of "The Morningside Papers."

In this reply, my grandfather gave details of a special Christmas dinner enjoyed in unlikely circumstances, in the dying days of WWI. The demise of his aircraft, and his subsequent capture are disposed of in two short lines — shot down on the Menin-Ypres Road in Belgium, and transported to a German prisoner-of-war camp in Munich, whose "Commandant" was a retired colonel, with a son of his own a prisoner of war in Gravenhurst, Ontario.



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WAR OFFICE,
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31st July 1919.

The Secretary of the War Office presents his compliments

to Lieutenant H. G. Robinson.
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and begs to state that he is commanded by the Army Council to inform him that his statement regarding the circumstances of his capture by the enemy having been investigated, the Council considers that no blame attaches to him in the matter.

The investigation was carried out by a Standing Committee of Enquiry composed as follows :—

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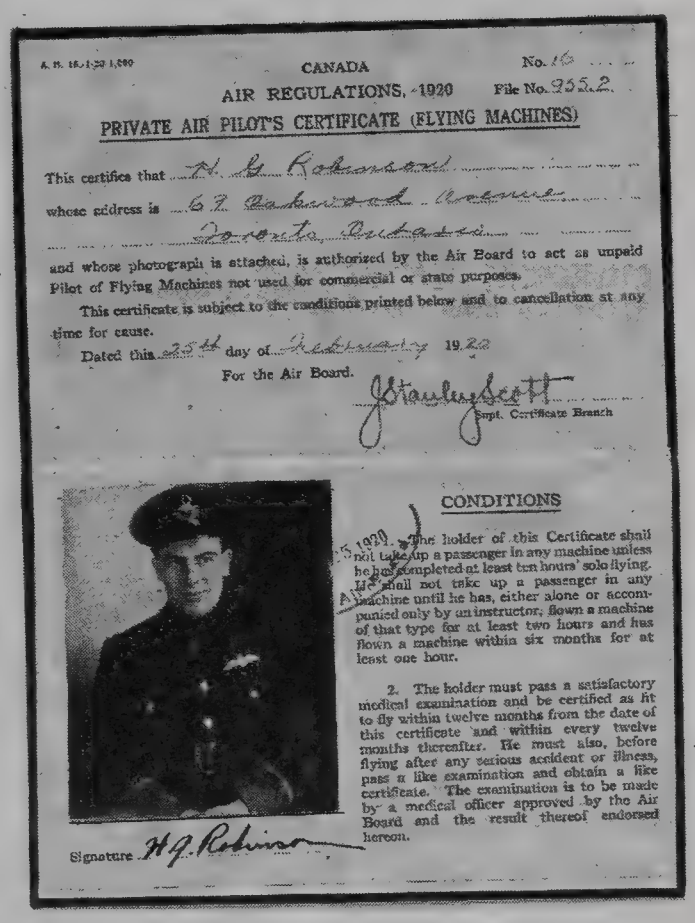
Above, a letter that confirmed H.G. Robinson was shot down and captured by the Germans. At right, the private pilot certificate he was awarded in 1920. Below, his prisoner of war log book



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This certifies that H. G. Robinson
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For the Air Board.

Stanley Scott
Supt. Certificate Branch

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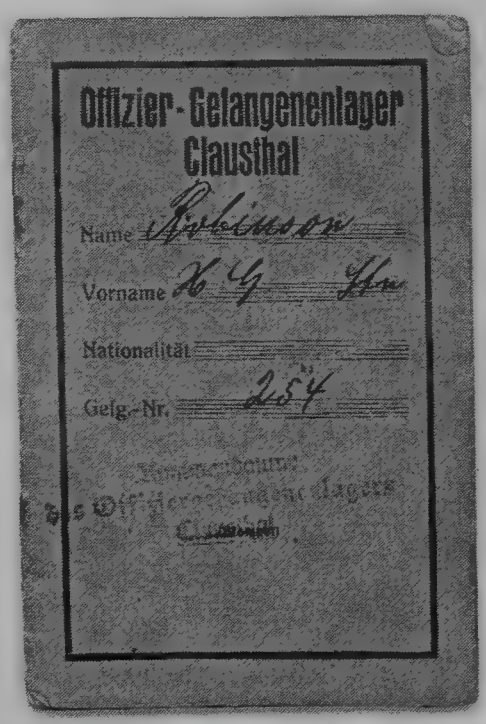
Signature H. G. Robinson



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Hints of a poetic nature emerge, however, in his lovingly detailed description of the dinner presented to all the camp residents, Christmas day, 1917. Highlights included a roast goose, with trimmings, abundant vegetables, beer and wine, and, finally, unbelievably, Christmas pudding — with sauce! He speculates, appreciatively, that the colonel must have owned his own farm to be able to produce such a lavish meal, in a country itself so desperately short of food.

The dietary deprivations of war must have been particularly hard on my food-loving grandfather, linked so completely, as it seemed to be for him, with security and well-being. I wonder if, in addition to the regular hardships of prison camp life, unwelcome echoes of Christmases past, and vague premonitions for Christmases future, dragged at his spirit as a result. In any case, it's hard to imagine another gesture on the part of his captors that could have brought greater comfort, and become, then and later, a more powerful symbol of hope that things might, after all, work out well. As, indeed, they did.

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Community volunteers made Christmas dinner for the students of Dorset school last week. Below, Dustin Clark is served by Shirley Aubin

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Gail Flook

Memories...

Christmas in India:

And the gingerbread house came tumbling down

by MARTHA PERKINS

THE "COLONY" of five Christian families living atop a hill in India wanted to make sure their families could enjoy a traditional Christmas.

Given that only 10% of the country's population were Christians, it was 68 degrees outside and the monsoon season had left behind incredibly damp conditions, this wasn't an easy task, Gail Flook told the group of women gathered at the recent Christmas in Carnarvon.

Thinking ahead, she had brought an artificial Christmas tree along when her family left Canada, but a neighbouring family had to be a bit inventive: they found some tubes, covered them in tinfoil and arranged them into a rather stark tree shape.

Now even Mrs. Flook's organizational skills were put to a test when she sat down with her children to enjoy another holiday tradition: making a gingerbread house.

She baked all the pieces, had all the decorations ready, and they began to build their gingerbread house, just like they used to do back home in Canada.

Well, it was so humid that the walls of the house just buckled. Try as they might, they could not make the house stand.

That was the year another tradition had to be born: flat gingerbread houses.

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Memories...

Challenge and reward

The Communion bread that would not break

by MARTHA PERKINS

ONE CHRISTMAS, the minister at Elinor Hamilton's church in Font Hill decided he wanted a special loaf of bread for the communion service. He asked Mrs. Hamilton to make the biggest loaf of bread possible and she was delighted by the challenge.

How proud she was that Sunday morning, she told the women gathered at the recent Christmas in Carnarvon festivities. Her loaf of bread, baked in her largest stewing pan, looked beautiful as it rested on the altar with a piece of linen artistically draped over it.

The service was equally beautiful and as the minister intoned the story about Jesus breaking bread with his disciples, he held the loaf aloft.

Yet when the minister tried to do as Jesus did, and actually break the bread into pieces, the large loaf proved to be a bit too big. He strained and he pulled, but the loaf would not break. Finally, he had to dig his thumbs in and with an almighty heave, tear it in two.

In future years, Mrs. Hamilton says, the women taking their turn baking the bread would make sure they put a slit in the back to make the minister's job a little less strenuous and the baker's children a lot less embarrassed.

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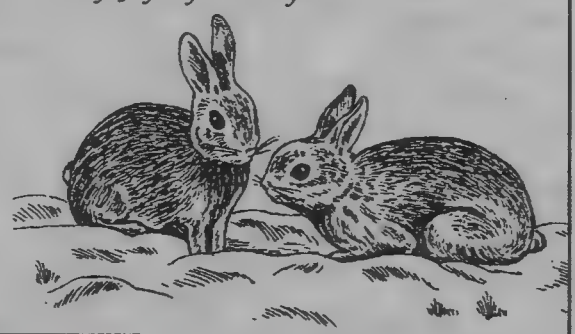

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When Christmas approaches, we turn our thoughts to you, our dear friends and patrons. We send you our heartfelt blessings and our hopes for renewed togetherness among all of nature's creations throughout the world. Thank you for your ever-loyal support and friendship.

Laura & Bill Scheffee

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This, our favourite time of year, is filled with good friends, good times, and much good cheer.
Here's wishing you happy holidays and a very healthy and happy new year!

From the Management and Staff

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Memories...

The lost tickets

and a Christmas 'tradition'

by MARTHA PERKINS

EVERY CHRISTMAS, Christina McCartney's father bought Irish Sweepstake tickets to hand out as presents.

One Christmas Eve, when all the family had arrived and friends were dropping by to extend greetings of the season, he gave the tickets to his wife for safekeeping.

But she was so busy getting ready, that when it came time to put the tickets under the tree, she had no idea of where she had put them.

They looked high and low, but the tickets could not be found. Finally, her mother said she must have thrown them in the garbage as she was preparing the food for all the company.

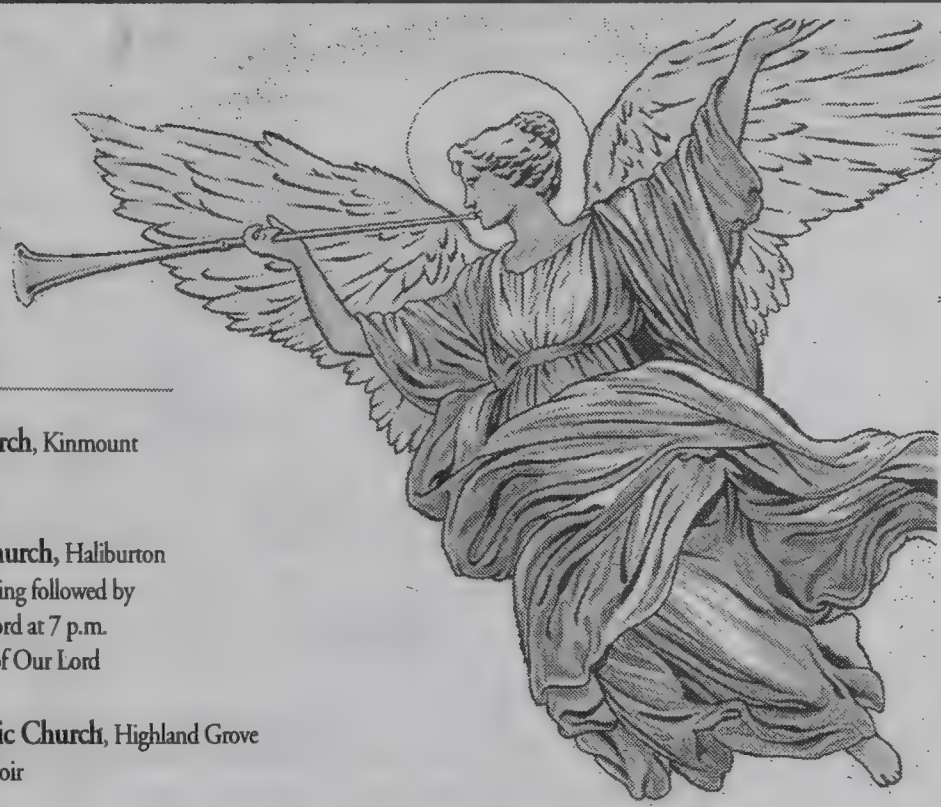
The children were called into action. Mrs. McCartney was given the garbage can and her job was to pick out all the items and hand them to her father, who would put them into another garbage bag.

A friend happened to walk in on the scene and asked incredulously, "What are you doing?"

Not missing a beat, Mrs. McCartney's father said "this is an old Scottish tradition. We do it every year."

Once the laughter had subsided at the Carnarvon United Church, where Mrs. McCartney told her story during the recent Christmas in Carnarvon, she said "by the way, my mother found the tickets in her apron pocket.'

The Reason for the Season



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St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton:
Dec 24: 3:30 p.m., family service & Holy Eucharist; Music by the Silver Flutes
7 p.m., carols & choir, Holy Communion

St. Margaret's Anglican Church, Wilberforce
Dec. 25: 10 a.m. Holy Communion

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden
Dec 23: 10 a.m. Holy Communion Advent 3
Dec 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Family Communion
11p.m. Late night Christmas Eucharist
Dec 27: 11a.m. Holy communion 1st Christmas

St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount:
Dec. 24: 9 p.m., Christmas Family Communion
Dec 27: 11:15 a.m. Morning Prayer 1st Christmas

St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake
Dec 25: 10am Christmas Day Eucharist
Dec 27: 9:15 a.m. Holy Communion 1st Christmas

St. John's Anglican Church, Irondale
Dec 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Family Service
Dec 27: 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Praise

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Minden
Dec 24: 10:30p.m.
Dec 25: 10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Kinmount
Dec. 24: 8 p.m.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Haliburton
Dec 24 6:30 p.m. Carol Sing followed by Nativity of Our Lord at 7 p.m.
Dec 25 11 a.m., Nativity of Our Lord

St. John's Vianney Catholic Church, Highland Grove
Dec. 24: 4:30 p.m. with choir

Haliburton United Church, Haliburton
Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Minden United Church, Minden
Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Family Service

Maple Lake United Church, Maple Lake
Dec. 24: 9 p.m. Candlelight Service

Lakeside Baptist Church, Haliburton
Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Candlelight Service

Full Gospel Lighthouse, Haliburton
Dec. 24: 6 p.m. Carol Sing

Eagle Lake Community Church, Eagle Lake
Dec 24: 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

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Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

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Saved by a Christmas twig tree

by Kerry Riley

O.K., O.K., it looks bad — three days to Christmas, a balance of $6.72 in the special circumstances fund, and somehow, inexplicably, unbelievably, despite three legal-sized scratch pads filled with intricate ingredient and supply lists, count down flow charts, risk evaluations, alternate contingency plans, hints, "last chance" reminders and inspirational quotes, you realize, that once again, you have forgotten ONE IMPORTANT THING.

You suddenly remember what you forgot — that the cat (in a fit of pique at being reduced to begging under the table) ate the Christmas dinner centrepiece last year, and while you had every intention of thriftily replacing it during the post-Christmas sales, you somehow never got around to it.

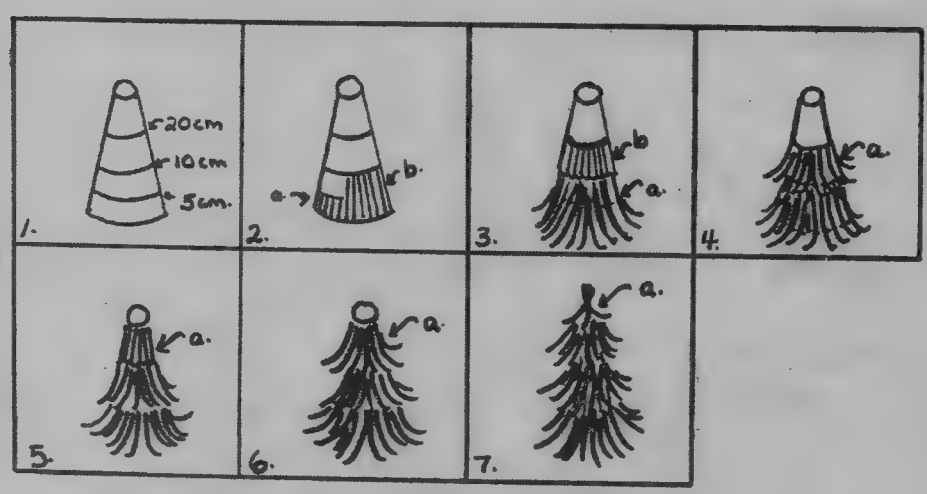
Now the dreary, sear prospect of unadorned, barren acres of white linen looms before you, threatening to WRECK EVERYTHING, and the cat grins up at you with the air of one whose long-term machiavellian schemes have finally come to satisfying fruition.

(Over-wrought? Believe me, as the top general in the dying days of the annual Christmas campaign, this is exactly how you start to think.)

Fear not! Salvation is yours in three easy steps. 1. Take a deep breath and prepare to be flexible. 2. Release the safety catch on your glue gun. 3. Make your way through the following easy instructions, to produce an elegant, miniature twig Christmas tree centrepiece, cum accent ornament, which can handily double as a thoughtful gift for that person you forgot (provided, of course, they're not coming to dinner.)

Assemble before you the following items: a 12 inch styrofoam cone; a large bunch of small diameter deciduous branches from which to cut twigs; burlap (about 0.8 metres); glue gun; narrow decorative ribbon; few sprigs preserved greenery; few sprigs brightly coloured berries; gold metallic craft paint and fan brush. The phrase "or reasonable facsimile" can be applied to all the above items.

Cover the cone with burlap. Simply glue one edge of the material along the long axis of the cone, and roll the cone until all its surface is covered—there will be some overlap. Glue where necessary. Trim excess. Trim excess at the tip of the cone to about 3 cm., fold over and glue. Trim burlap even with the base of the cone, and glue. Don't get too persnickety—this will all be covered eventually. Spray-painting the cone brown is another alternative—or you could just convince yourself that the sparkling white styrofoam bits showing through the twigs are lovely evocations of snow.



Draw guide lines around the circumference of the (now covered) cone at 5 cm., 10 cm. and 20 cm. from its base (1). Cut 5 cm., 10 cm. and 15 cm. lengths of twig (1/2 cm. maximum thickness) from the branches.

Applying glue along the top 1 cm. of the twig, attach a row of 5 cm. twigs, palisade-like, around the base of the cone, aligning the tops with the previously drawn 5 cm. line (2a). Aligning the tops with the 10 cm. guide, glue, in the same manner, a row of 10 cm. twigs (2b). They will cover the previous row. Now glue a row of 15 cm. twigs on top of the 10 cm. row, upper ends even (3a). The tips of these will extend past the base of the cone, and fan out in an evergreen-like manner.

Glue another row of 10 cm.

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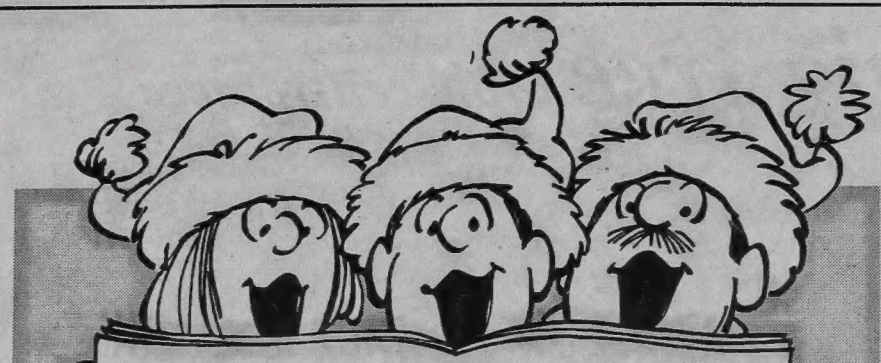

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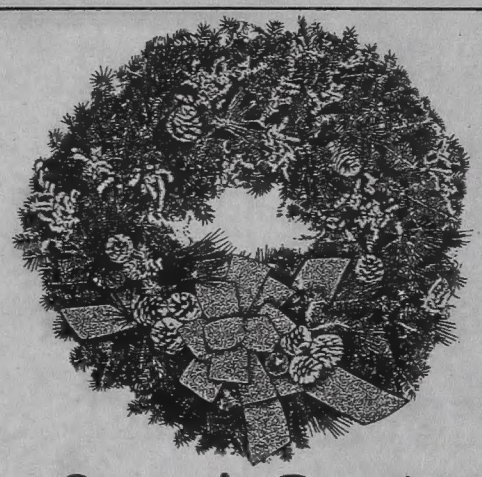

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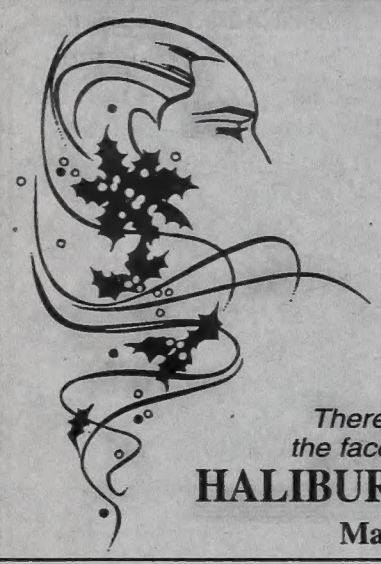

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Making a twig tree table centrepiece

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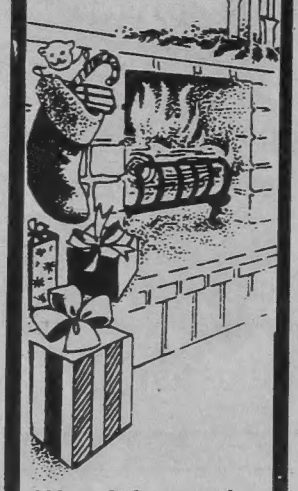
twigs, placing the ends even with the 20 cm. guideline. They will extend to the tops of the lower tier (3b). Again, on top of this, glue a row of 15 cm. twigs, which will extend, shingle-like, over the lower tier (4a). Repeat this process, first with a row of 10 cm. twigs and then 15 cm. twigs, now using the cone tip as your guide (5a-6a). Finally, attach a row of 15 cm twigs, glued about 5 cm. from one end, to the cone tip, so that the top 5 cm. extends up past the top like a tuft (7a).

HINT: cut the 5 and 10 cm. twigs (used in the palisade-like layers) from the thicker, straighter parts of the branches (don't exceed .5 cm. diameter) and the outer, 15 cm. twigs from the branch tips, which fan out more easily and have a naturally finished end.

Decorate the tree with a few judiciously glued sprigs of greenery and berries. (I used glycerine preserved winterberry harvested earlier, and eucalyptus.) Burnish sparingly with gold craft paint—a fan brush will help avoid blobs. Finish with a few curls of narrow ribbon attached to the tuft, and allowed to cascade down the sides of your tree, and a ribbon bow. Re-holster that glue gun, and prepare to meet the next crisis.

Christmas JOY



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Betty Hicks

Memories...

Solitary carolling

"I'll be home for Christmas' always brings a smile

by MARTHA PERKINS

THERE'S ONE Christmas carol which always brings a smile to Betty Hicks' face.

Of course, if she didn't laugh, she'd cry, which is just what she was tempted to do several years ago when some Christmas shopping plans went awry.

She and a few of her fellow teachers in Lochlin had decided they'd go shopping right after school. Before leaving the school, however, Mrs. Hicks decided to take a washroom break.

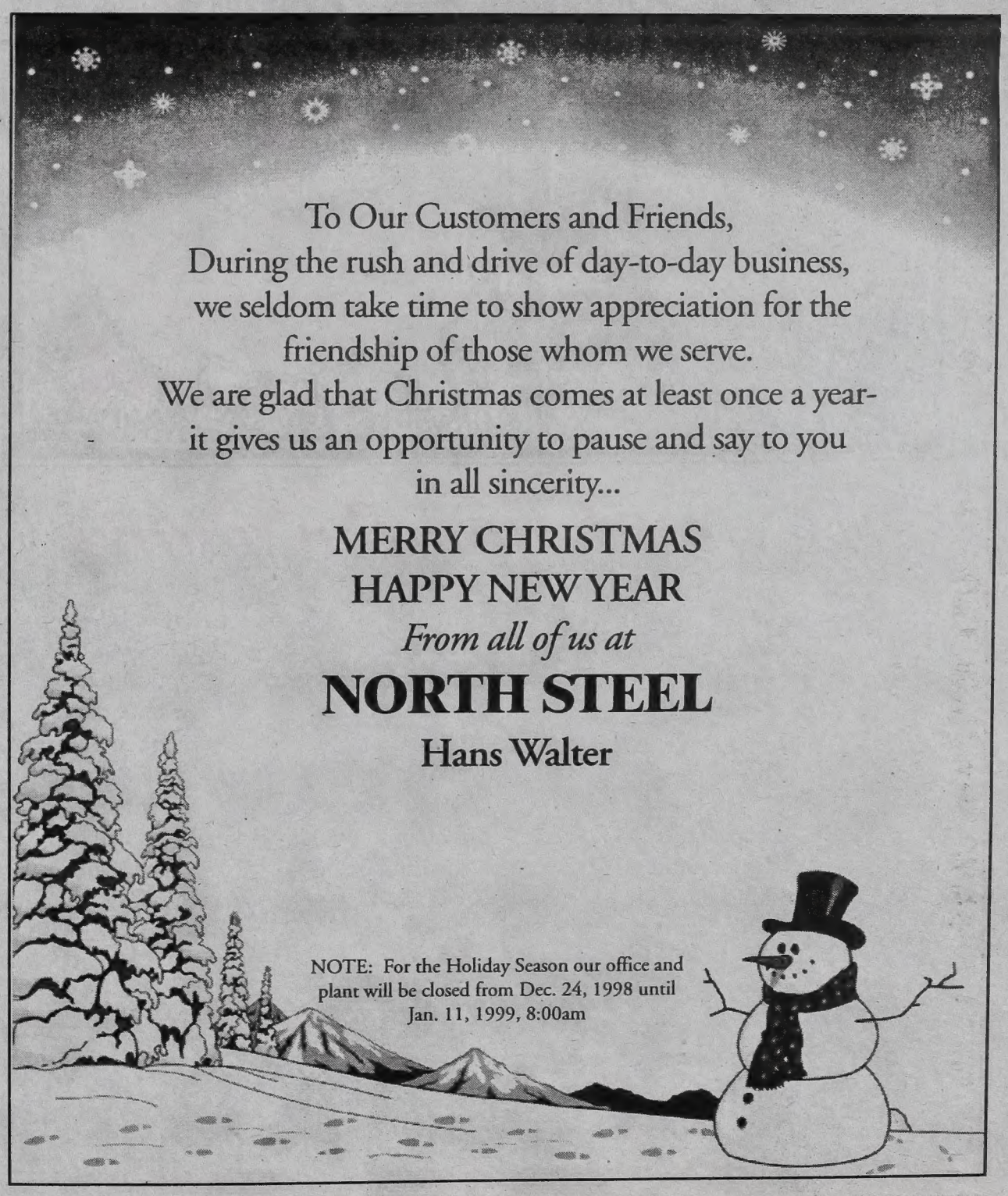
When it was time to rejoin her friends, however, she found that she was somehow locked inside the bathroom. She tugged, she pulled, she banged, but the door simply would not open.

Her fellow teachers went to get two gentlemen to help. They took the door frame off, but the door still wouldn't open.

"Are you all right, Betty?" one of the men yelled through the door as he prepared to take the door off completely. With boredom and embarrassment her greatest hardships to bear, he replied "Well, you'd better sing something."

Mrs. Hicks decided to take up his suggestion and what song came immediately to mind? "I'll be home for Christmas, but only in my dreams..."

Don't worry, she did get home that afternoon, but only after she had spent an hour inside that washroom serenading the sink with Christmas carols.



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